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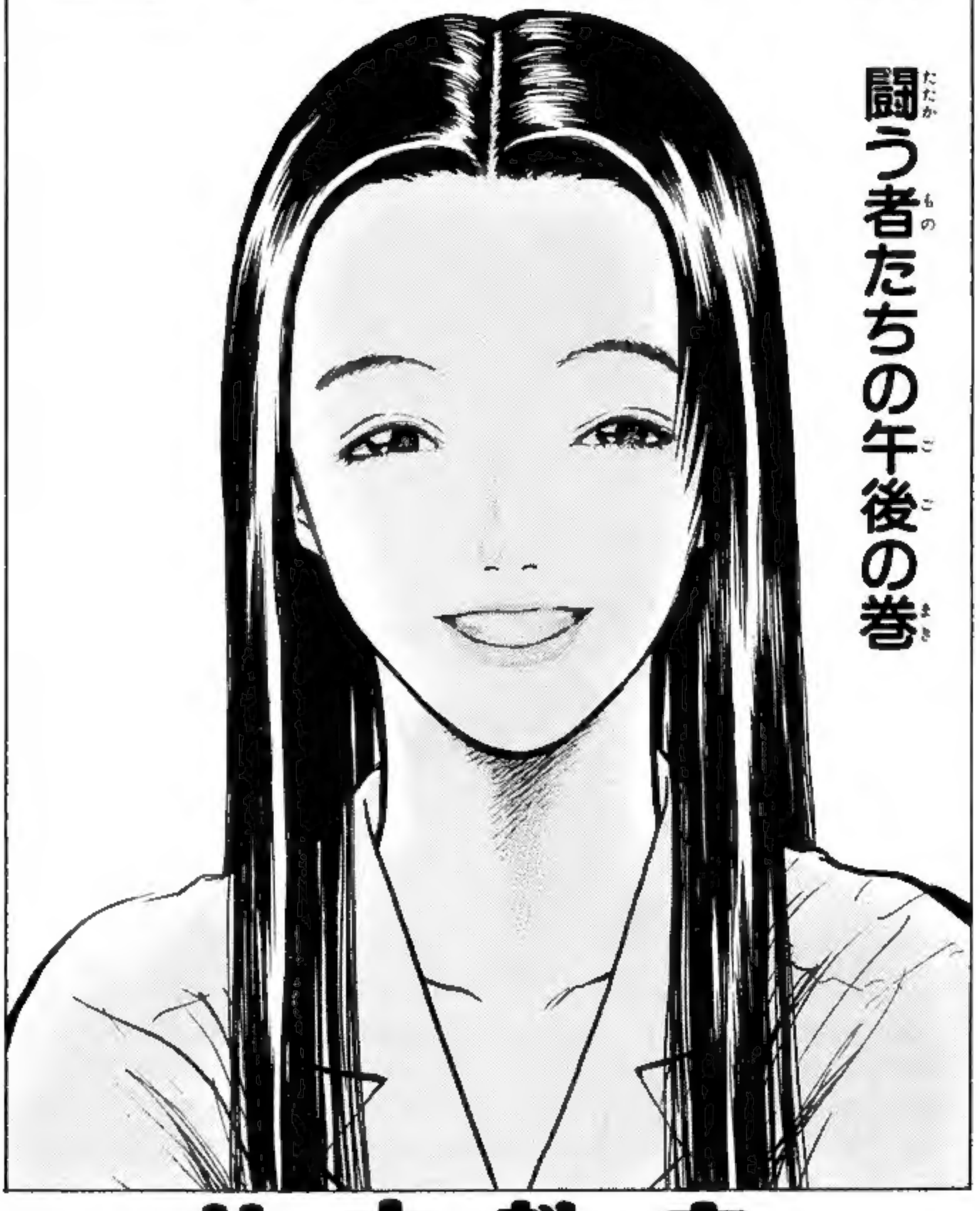

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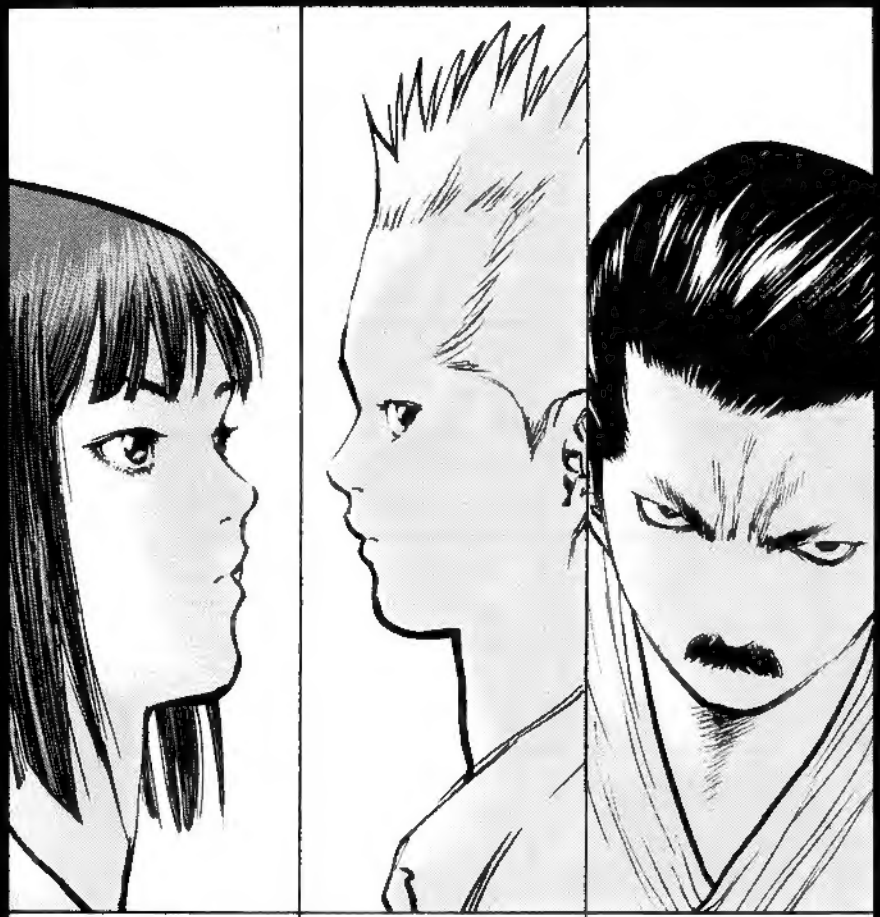

## Shirataki Ikuno

Enters Hekikuu High School with her guidance counselor father, in order to defeat Kitano-kun. She boasted of being invincible, but after losing a fierce match with Ryoko, she begins to open her heart.

## Takehisa Yuji

A powerful fighter who has been known for his strength since middle school. Challenged Kitano-kun after the end of his suspension period and lost. Since then, he has assumed the role of his little brother, pledging utmost loyalty.

## Koiso Heizo

The master of the Koiso-style Kobujutsu dojo, and Ryoko's father. He sees the daughter he raised all on his own fraternizing (or so he thinks) with the devil (Kitano-kun), which makes him very worried.

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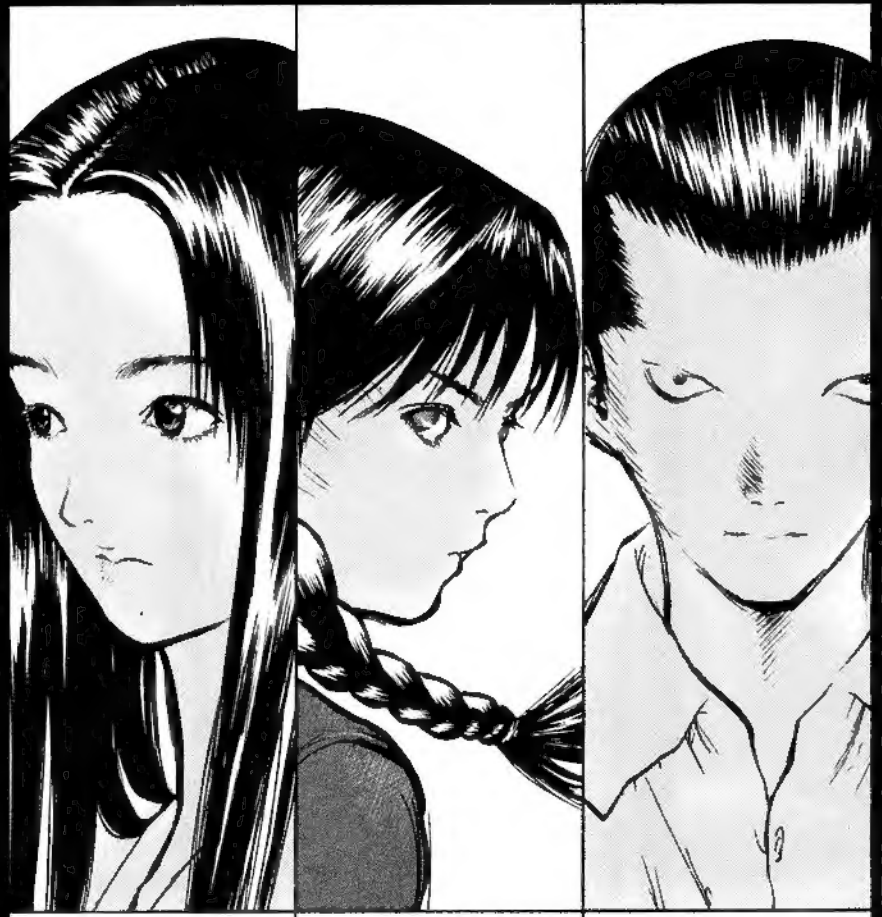

## Hishida Haruka

A Special Education Committee member who is very sincere in her efforts to reform problem students. However, her actions typically end up backfiring. She faints during a conference with Kitano-kun and ends up getting him suspended.

## Koiso Ryoko

A beautiful female Kobudo martial artist learning the Koiso school of martial arts directly from her father. She sees through Kitano-kun's appearance and finds he has a pure, angelic heart. She is the only person to understand who he really is.

## Kitano Seiichiro

A boy with the face of a demon, but the heart of an angel. With this appearance, he became the guardian of Hekikuu High School. Despite a number of unfortunate misunderstandings, he is currently enjoying his school life very much.

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# ACT.48
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## ACT.48 - A Far-off Concern

WELL, IF WE JUST GO HOME BECAUSE WE HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO DO, WE'LL BE TOO CURIOUS TO SIT STILL.
SO...
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
WHEW ...
SIGH.
WE'LL JUST WAIT AT SCHOOL UNTIL THEN
SO AS SOON AS THE MEETING IS DONE, I'LL ASK MY FATHER FOR THE RESULTS.

HUH?

DON'T GO INTO SUCH DETAIL ABOUT REALLY OBVIOUS THINGS
DON'T YOU GET IT?
WHEN YOU GET SUSPENDED, YOU CAN'T COME TO SCHOOL, THAT'S HOW IT WORKS.
DON'T BE STUPID. HE'S ON SUSPEN-SION.
IT MAKES YOU LOOK STUPID.

HUH?
WHAT IS IT, RYOKO?
OH...
UH... NOTHING ...
I JUST GOT THE FEELING THAT KITANO-KUN WAS HERE OR SOME-THING...

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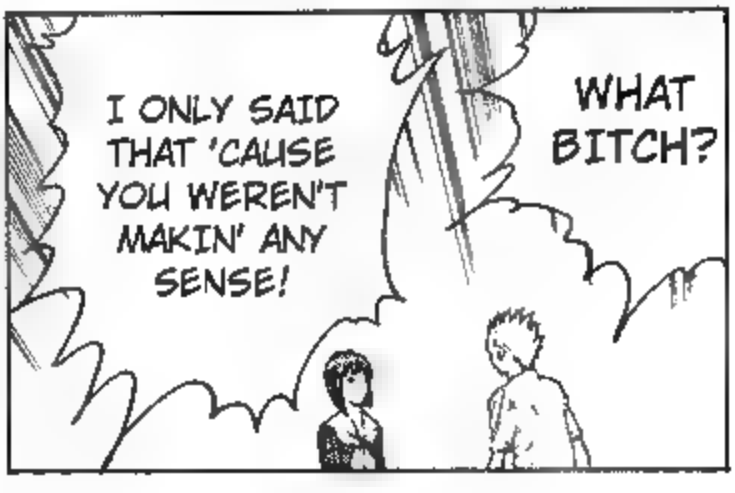
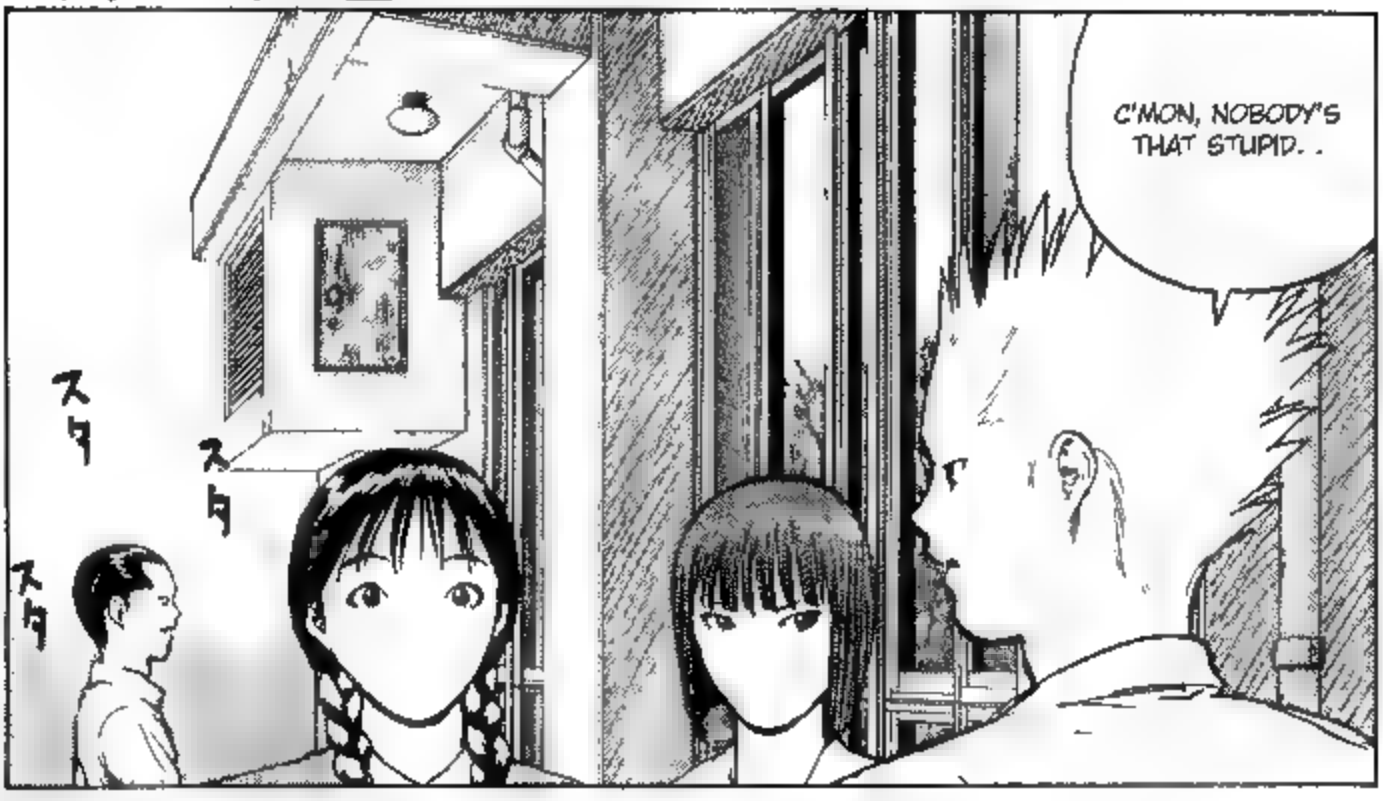

I ONLY SAID THAT 'CAUSE YOU WEREN'T MAKIN' ANY SENSE!
WHAT BITCH?

HUH?
DO YOU "FEEL" HIM TOO?
WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT?
WOMEN'S INTUITION OR SOMETHING?
N... NO...
I'M NORMAL...
WHAT?
I GOT THAT FEELING, TOO..
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT,
GEEZ, WHAT'S UP WITH YOU FREAKS?
FURTHERMORE, TODAY IS A MEETING IN WHICH IT WILL BE DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT HE S EXPELLED.
!
K TANO-SAN WAS SUSPENDED YESTERDAY, WHICH MAKES TODAY HIS FIRST DAY OF SUSPENSION.
ALL RIGHT YOU FOOLS, THINK ABOUT IT
WHY WOULD HE BE TRYING TO GET HIMSELF KICKED OUTTA SCHOOL?
ONLY A TOTAL RETARD WOULD DO THAT
HE'S ALREADY IN ENOUGH TROUBLE; HE DOESN'T NEED TO MAKE THINGS WORSE.
HE'S NOT JUST GOING TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL.


C'MON, NOBODY'S THAT STUPID. .
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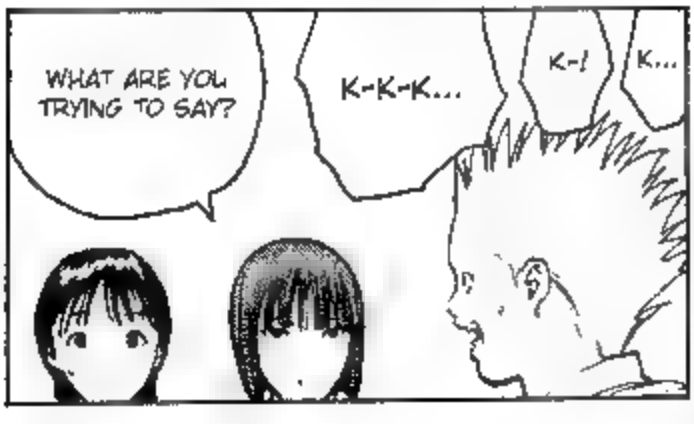

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
K-K-K...
K-I
K...

WHO ARE YOU CALLING STUPID?
WHAT?
UH...
UH...
UH...
UH...
?

IS SOMEBODY "C-OMING"?
WHAT?
?

HUH?
HUH?
YOU'RE SUSPEN. .
W-W-W-W-WHY ARE YOU HERE, KITANO-KUN?!
W-W-W-W-W-W .
KITANO-SAN!
A...
AAH!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE?
HUH?

AGH!
AAH!

YOU BITCH!
WHAT THE FUCK WAS THAT FOR?!

KITANO-KUN!
GASP!

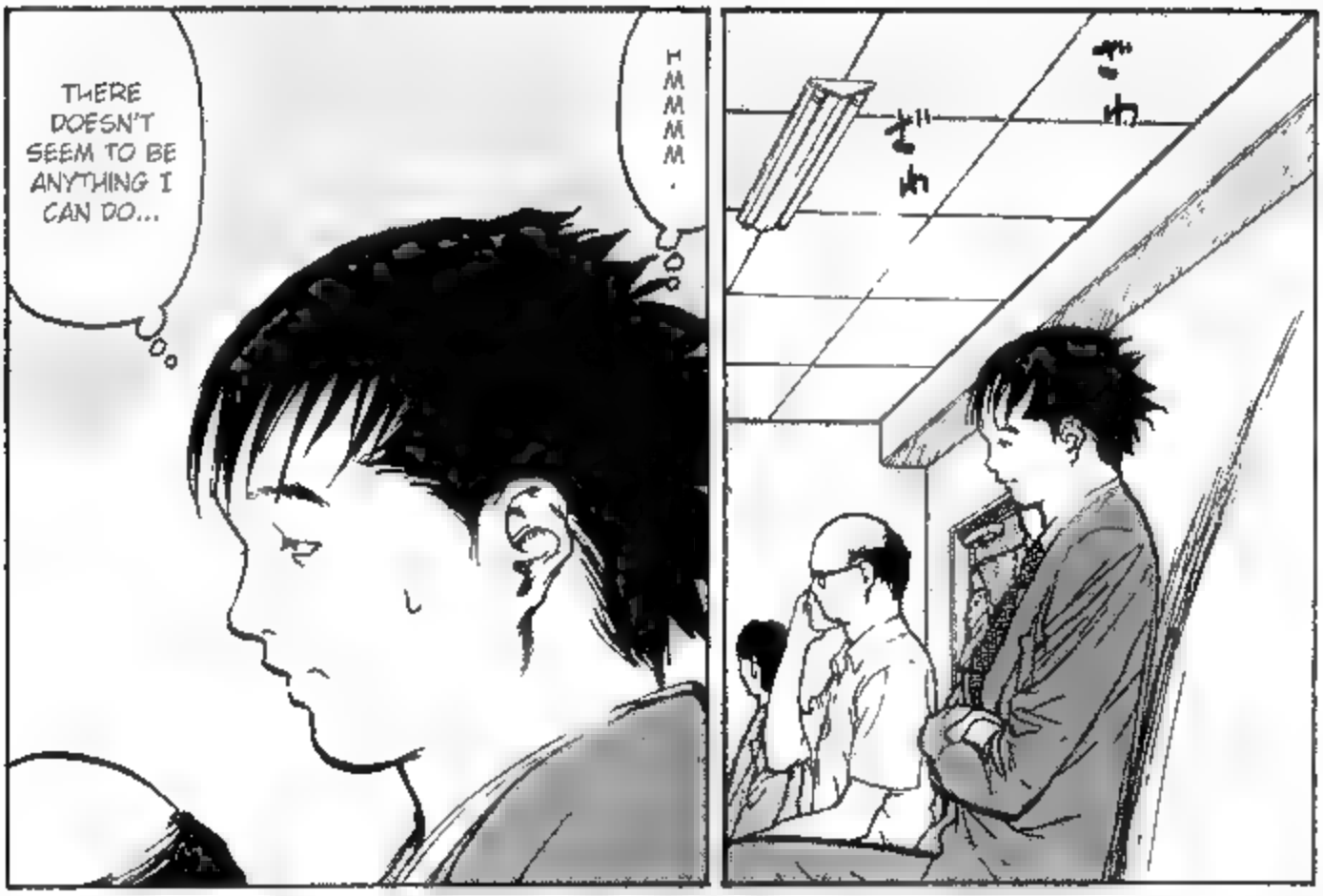
.....
SENSEI.
UH, NOTHING. NOTHING AT ALL,
!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KOISO?
WHAT'S THE COM-MOTION?
GO ON HOME
CLASS S OVER.
UH... I WILL!
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE MY TEACHER WALK PAST...
THAT SCARED ME.
WHEW...
SHEESH
NOW WE'VE GOT THAT MEETING TO GO TO.

MMM.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KITANO-KUN?
UH... YEAH
HUH?
OH.
YOU GONNA HIT ME OR LET GO?
HEY, STOP HOLDING ONTO MY SHIRT
WHY DID YOU COME BACK TO SCHOOL?
SO WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
NO, I'M JUST FINE.
UH...
SORRY. DID IT HURT?
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BE EXPELLED THAT BADLY?
ONLY AN IDIOT WOULD DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
YOU'RE ALREADY IN ENOUGH TROUBLE AS IT IS. WHY RISK MAKING THINGS WORSE?
ER... WELL...

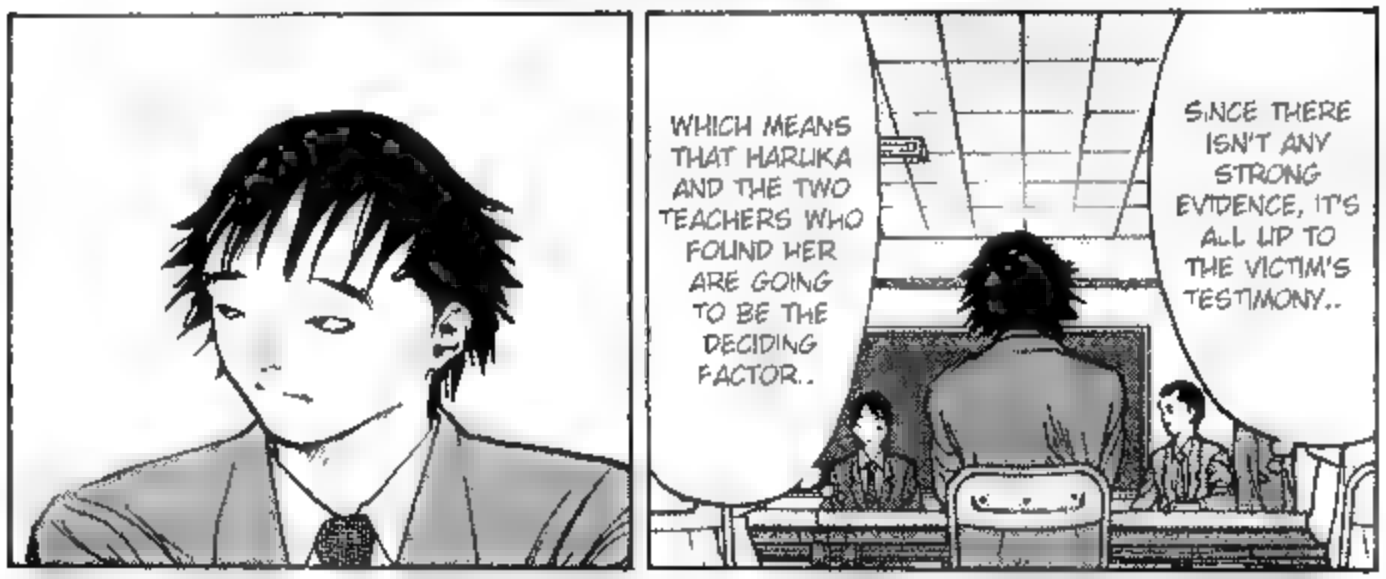
BUT I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY!
IT'S TRUE. YOU SAID IT.
!
KITANO-KUN.
I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT...
S... SHUT UP!
THAT WAS PRETTY MUCH WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?
I JUST ...
NO TEACHERS SPOTTED YOU, RIGHT?
YOU DIDN'T LET ANYONE ELSE SEE YOU, DID YOU?
TRY TO THINK ABOUT OUR FEELINGS.
WE'RE ALL HERE DOING THIS OUT OF CONCERN FOR YOU.
OH, COME ON!
BLONDIE'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOU HAVE SOME MERIT.
UH... HMM...

JESUS BITCH WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
N-NO, IT'S FINE, WE DID ALL THIS ON OUR OWN!
ACK!!
I... I'M SO SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU ALL...
you are so noisy
NOW THEN...
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THE SAFEST PLAN WOULD BE TO HIDE SOMEWHERE UNTIL WE FIND OUT THE RESULTS...
AND IT WOULDN'T BE A GOOD IDEA TO WALK AROUND AND HAVE OTHER STUDENTS SEE US, EITHER.
WELL... WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE TEACHERS TO CATCH US STANDING AROUND HERE.

**Sign** Meeting Room

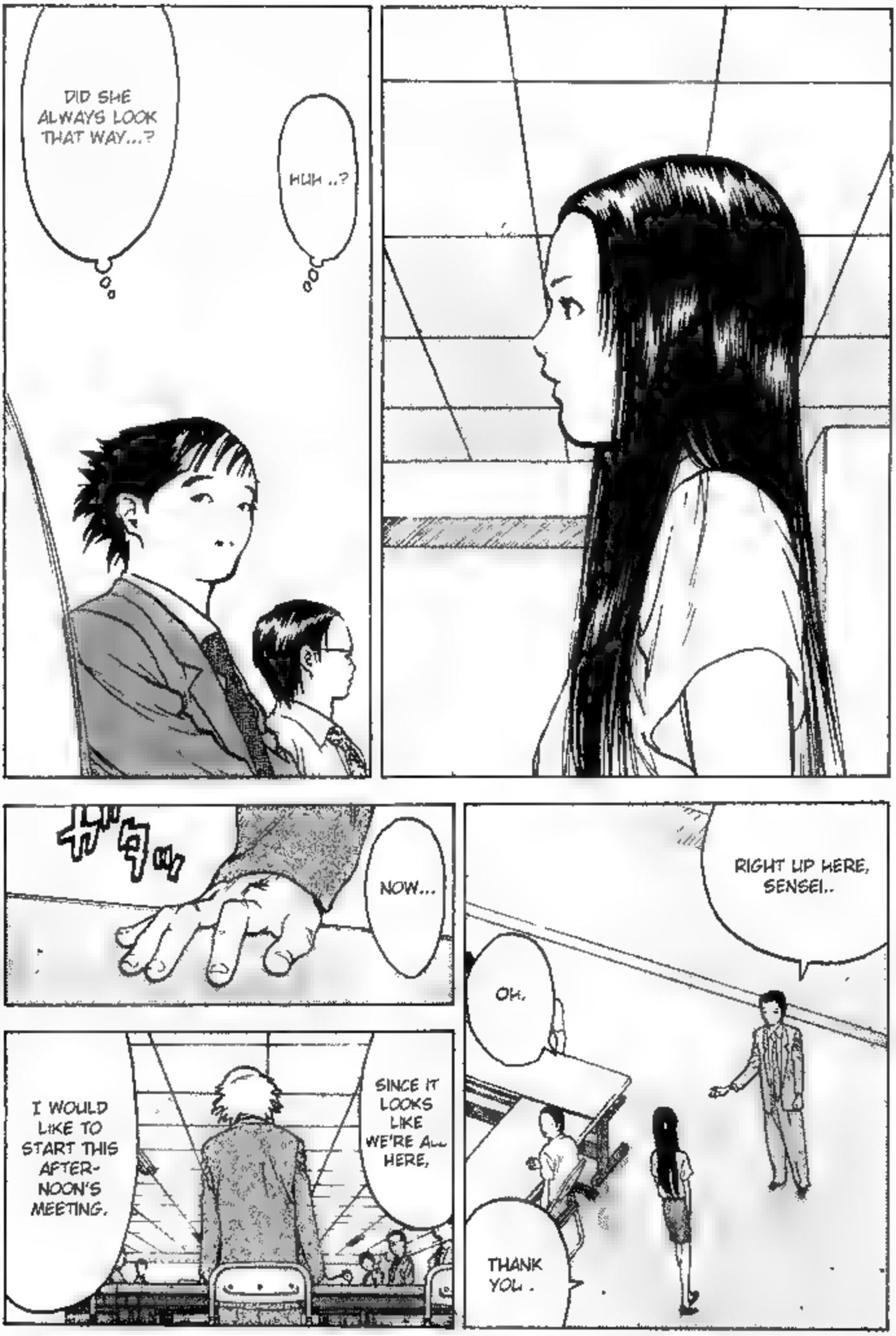

HMMMM.
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHING I CAN DO...

I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT HE'LL ESCAPE AN EXPULSION AFTER THIS...
THEY SAY THAT HE STABBED A TEACHER THIS TIME...

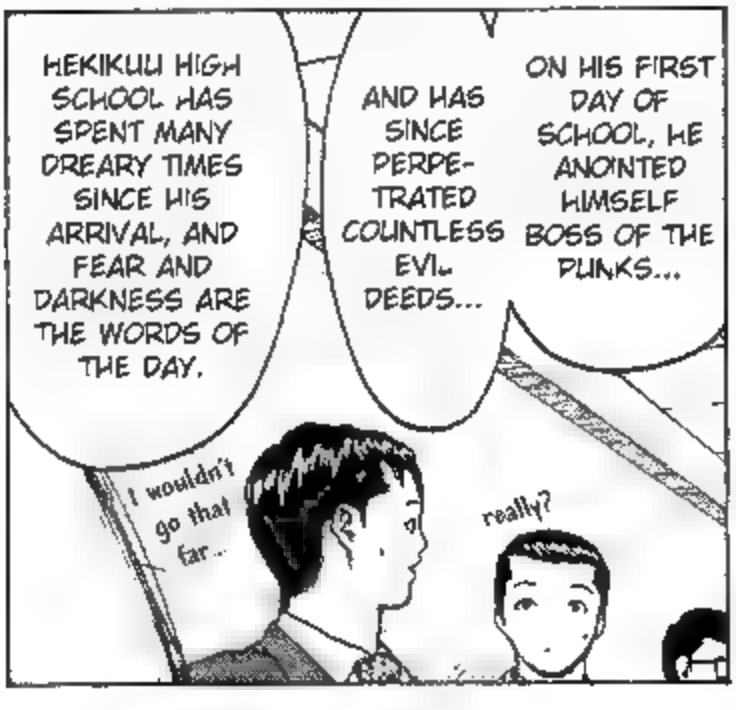

WHICH MEANS THAT HARUKA AND THE TWO TEACHERS WHO FOUND HER ARE GOING TO BE THE DECIDING FACTOR..
SINCE THERE ISN'T ANY STRONG EVIDENCE, IT'S ALL UP TO THE VICTIM'S TESTIMONY..

.....
.....
IT'S A LINE-UP THAT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERCOME.
AND ONE OF THE TEACHERS WHO WAS AT THE SCENE ALREADY HAS A VERIFIED HATRED FOR KITANO...
KITANO'S EXPULSION IS SET IN STONE...
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO NOW..
YOU REALLY ARE NOT SOMEONE TO GET ON THE BAD SIDE OF,
HISHIDA HARUKA.
YET AGAIN I AM AMAZED.

!!
I DON'T WANNA TURN INTO "MISSING TEACHER A."
IT'S GOT TO BE A JOKE..
NOW THERE'S AN ADMIRABLE WOMAN
SO SHE'S THE ONE WHO STOOD UP TO KITANO ON HER OWN
THAT'S HER.
OH.
AHH.
!
WHAT A PESTILENCE.
TCH.


DID SHE ALWAYS LOOK THAT WAY...?
HUH ..?
NOW...
RIGHT UP HERE, SENSEI..
OH.
THANK YOU.
I WOULD LIKE TO START THIS AFTER-NOON'S MEETING.
SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL HERE,

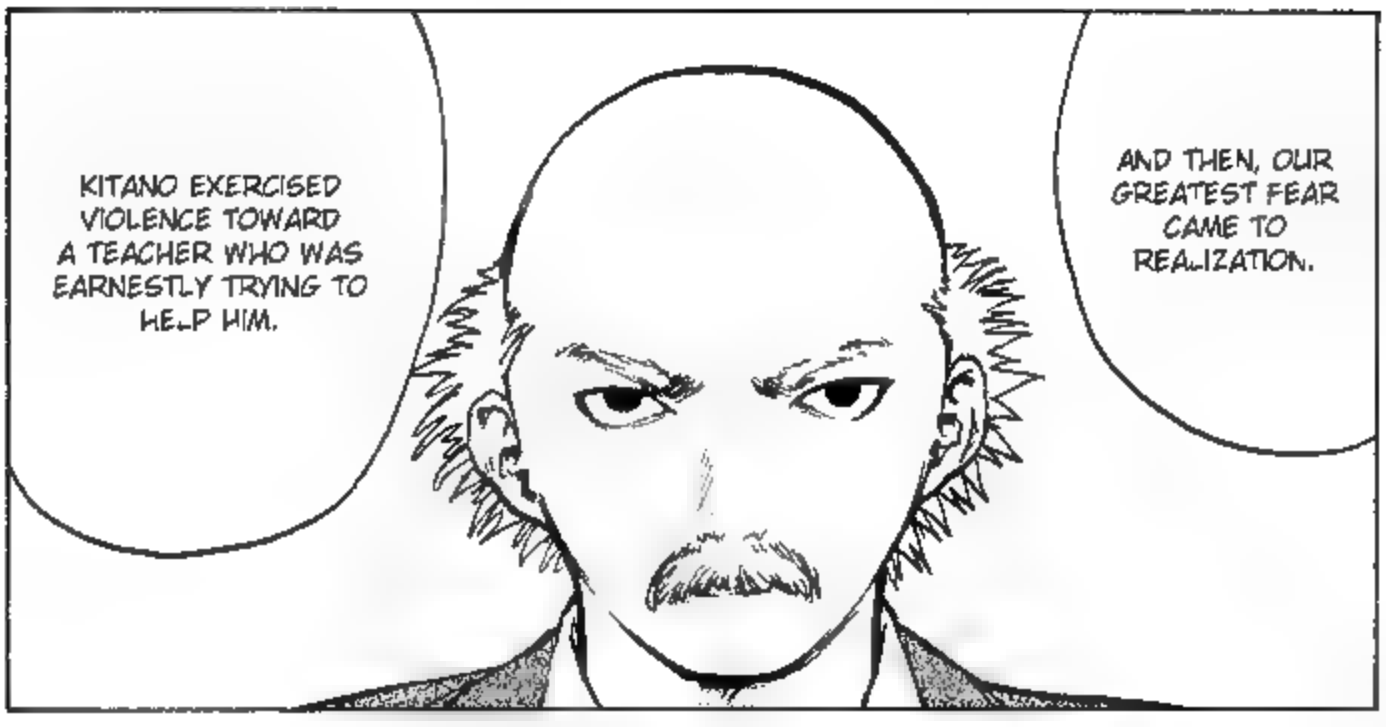
OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENT KITANO SEIICHIRO.
THIS MEETING IS REGARDING THE EXPULSION ...

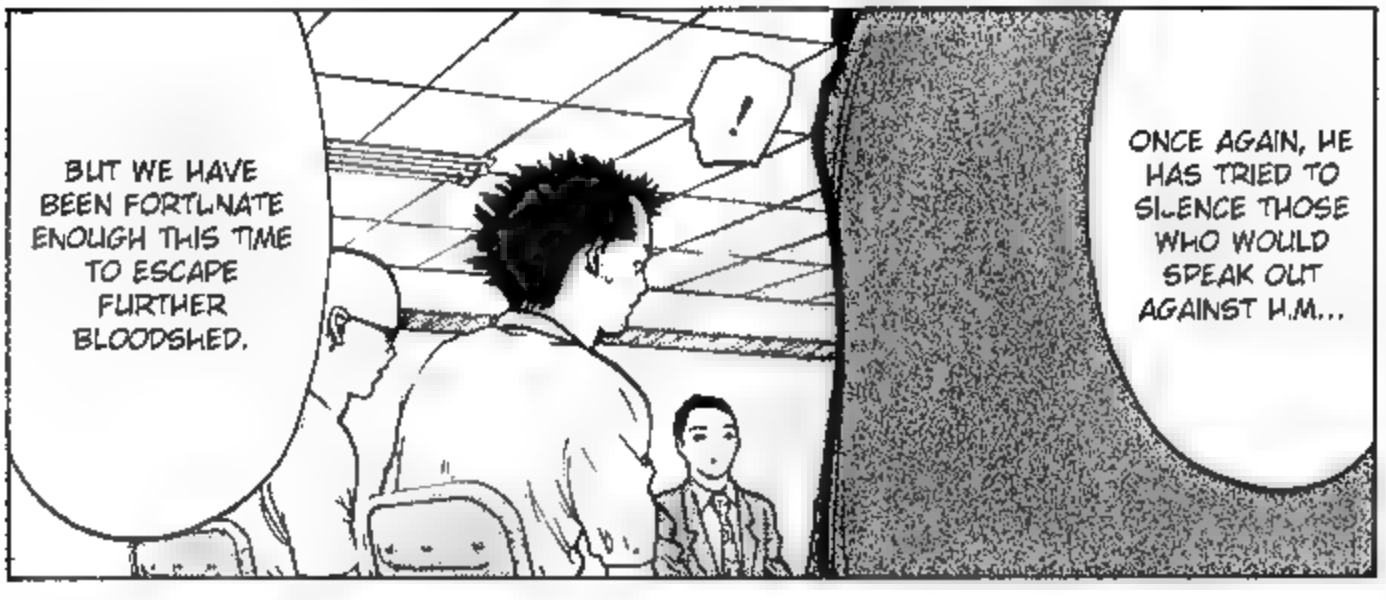

HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL HAS SPENT MANY DREARY TIMES SINCE HIS ARRIVAL, AND FEAR AND DARKNESS ARE THE WORDS OF THE DAY.
AND HAS SINCE PERPE-TRATED COUNTLESS EVIL DEEDS...
ON HIS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, HE ANOINTED HIMSELF BOSS OF THE PUNKS...
I wouldn't go that far..
really?

I DON'T BELIEVE I NEED TO EXPLAIN OR DESCRIBE HIM TO ANY OF YOU.

I BELIEVE THAT NO SMALL NUMBER OF YOU HAVE FELT IN DANGER OF YOUR LIFE.
THEREFORE HE HAS BEEN, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, RUNNING FREE EVER SINCE HE CAME...

HE WOULD ALWAYS ERASE ALL PROOF OF HIS EVILDOING, SO AS NEVER TO BE CAUGHT.
BUT HE WAS SLY!


KITANO EXERCISED VIOLENCE TOWARD A TEACHER WHO WAS EARNESTLY TRYING TO HELP HIM.
AND THEN, OUR GREATEST FEAR CAME TO REALIZATION.


BUT WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH THIS TIME TO ESCAPE FURTHER BLOODSHED.
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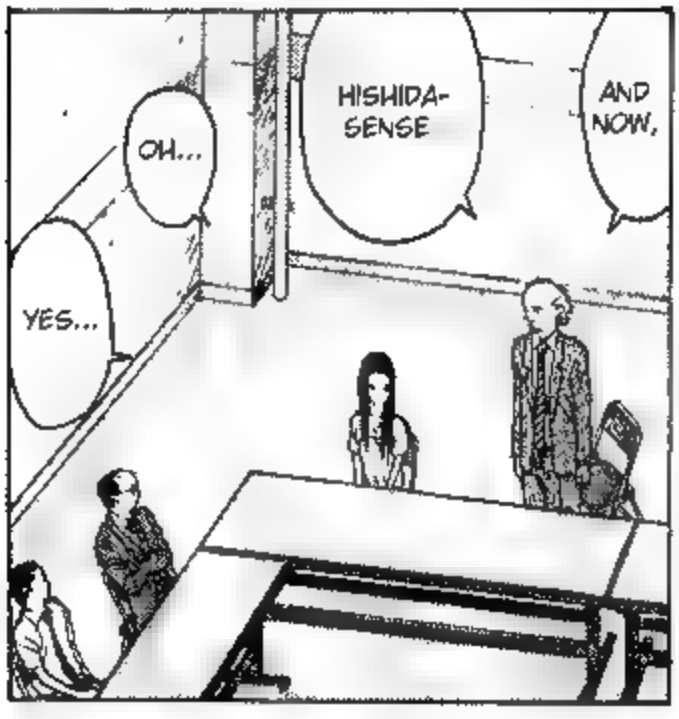
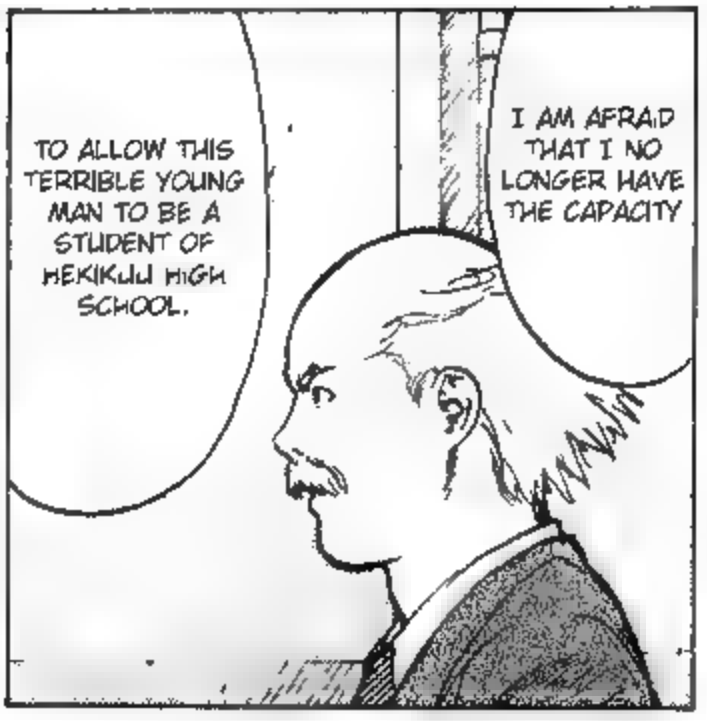
ONCE AGAIN, HE HAS TRIED TO SILENCE THOSE WHO WOULD SPEAK OUT AGAINST H.M...


OH...
HISHIDA-SENSE
AND NOW,
YES...


TO ALLOW THIS TERRIBLE YOUNG MAN TO BE A STUDENT OF HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL.
I AM AFRAID THAT I NO LONGER HAVE THE CAPACITY

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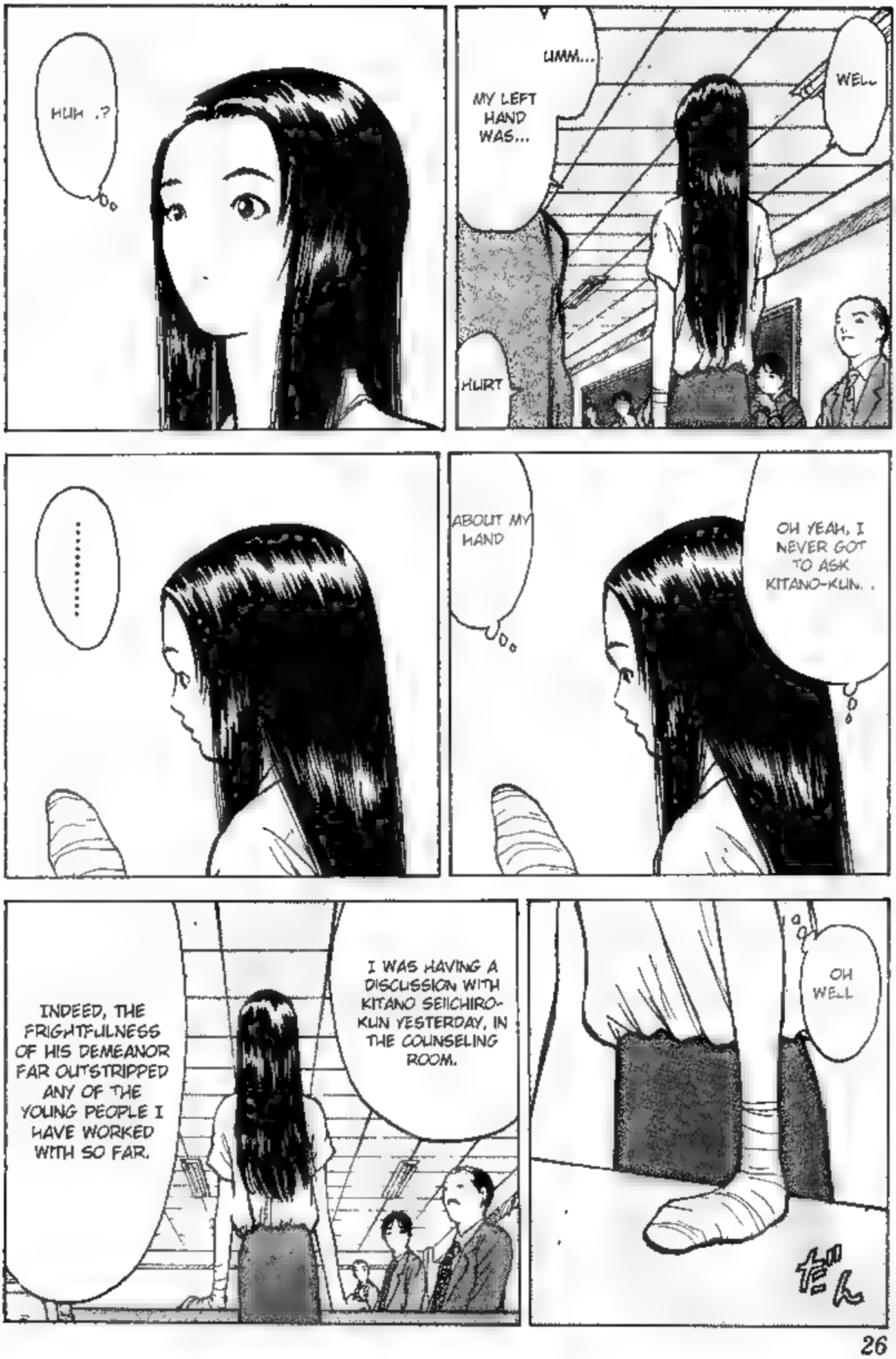
THE TIME HAS COME, ONCE AND FOR ALL
FINALLY I WILL EXPEL KITANO.
KISHIDA-SENSEI WILL TESTIFY AS WELL. AND EVERYTHING WILL GO SMOOTHLY
NOW SHE WILL SPEAK OF HOW SHE BECAME HURT..


HUH .?
UMM...
MY LEFT HAND WAS...
WELL
HURT
.....
ABOUT MY HAND
OH YEAH, I NEVER GOT TO ASK KITANO-KUN. .
INDEED, THE FRIGHTFULNESS OF HIS DEMEANOR FAR OUTSTRIPPED ANY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE I HAVE WORKED WITH SO FAR.
I WAS HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH KITANO SEIICHIRO-KUN YESTERDAY, IN THE COUNSELING ROOM.
OH WELL
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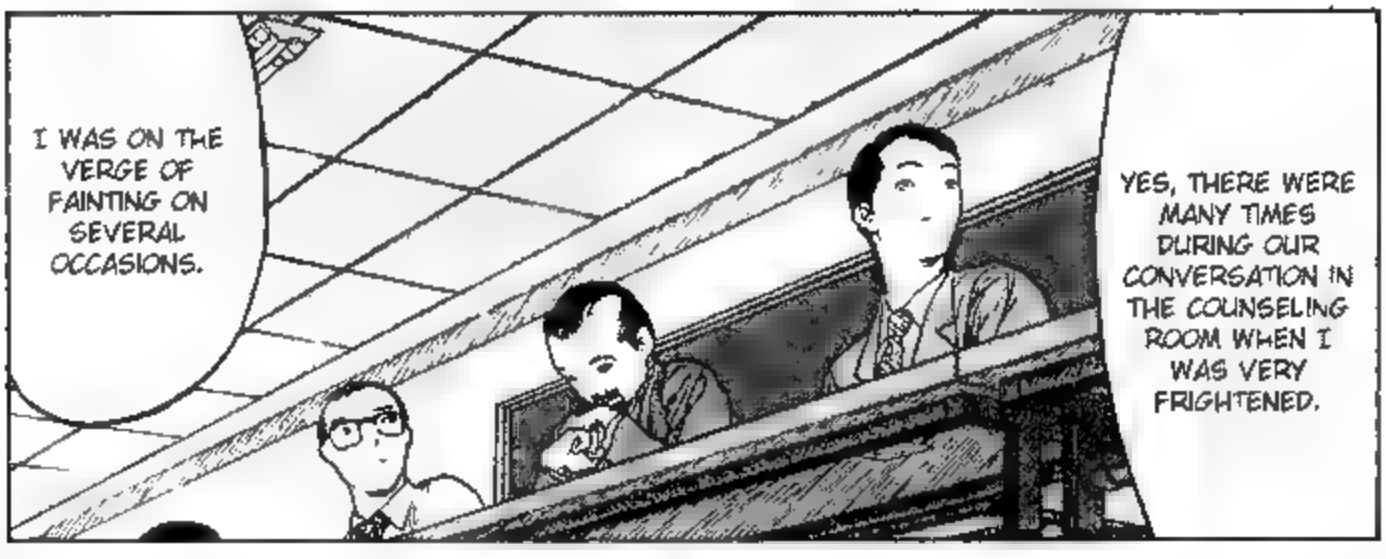
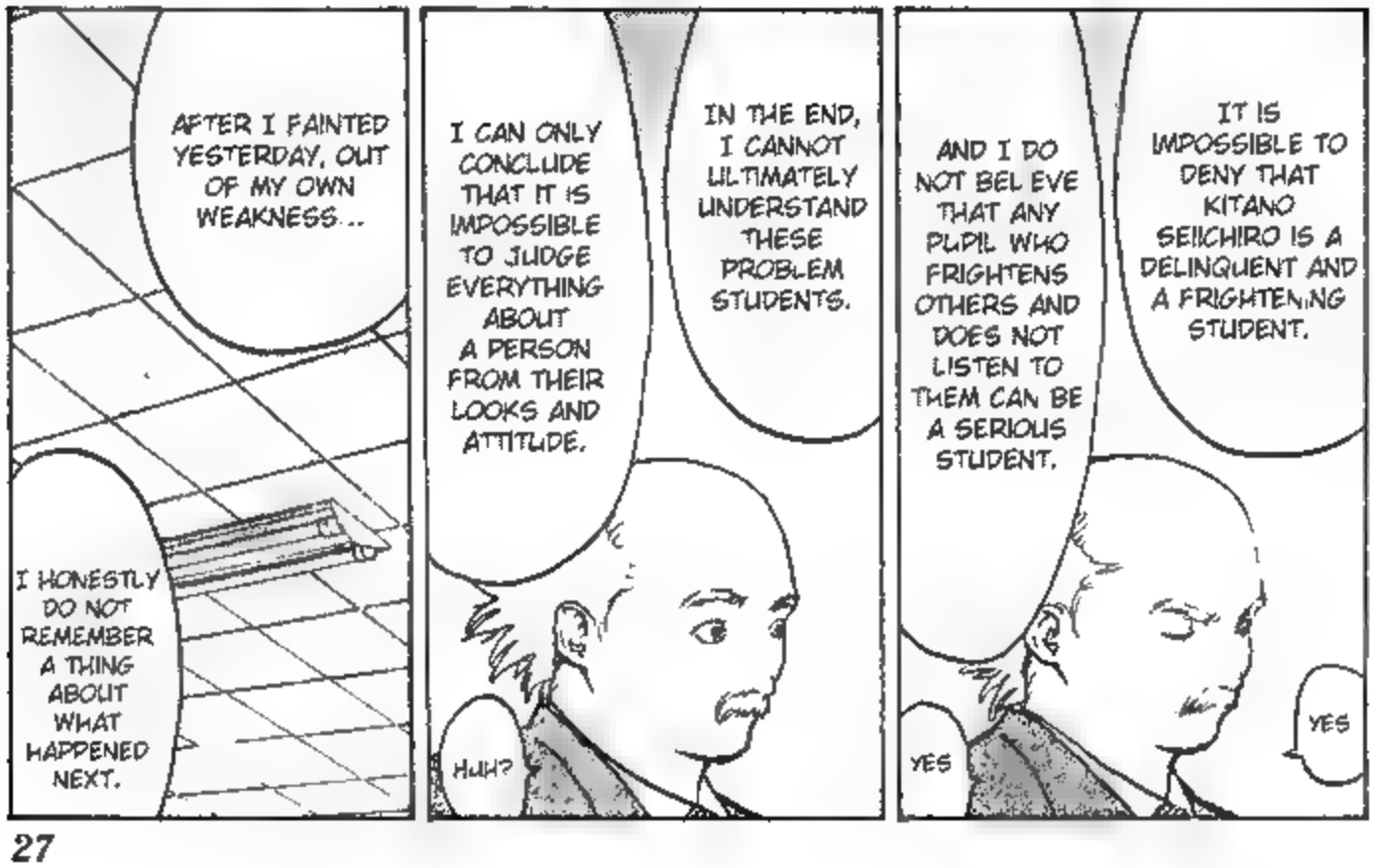
HE WAS NEVER WILLING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH ME AS A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.
HE ACTED AS A TRUE DELINQUENT, NOT TAKING MY WORDS SERIOUSLY, AND TOYING WITH MY EMOTIONS.


I WAS ON THE VERGE OF FAINTING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.
YES, THERE WERE MANY TIMES DURING OUR CONVERSATION IN THE COUNSELING ROOM WHEN I WAS VERY FRIGHTENED.


AFTER I FAINTED YESTERDAY, OUT OF MY OWN WEAKNESS...
I HONESTLY DO NOT REMEMBER A THING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.
I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO JUDGE EVERYTHING ABOUT A PERSON FROM THEIR LOOKS AND ATTITUDE.
IN THE END, I CANNOT ULTIMATELY UNDERSTAND THESE PROBLEM STUDENTS.
HUH?
AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY PUPIL WHO FRIGHTENS OTHERS AND DOES NOT LISTEN TO THEM CAN BE A SERIOUS STUDENT.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DENY THAT KITANO SEIICHIRO IS A DELINQUENT AND A FRIGHTENING STUDENT.
YES
YES

BASED ON SOMETHING THAT I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF.
AND I DO NOT WANT TO EXPEL A STUDENT...

HUH?

DIDN'T YOU SAY EARLIER THAT KITANO ATTACKED YOU WITH A KNIFE...?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
DIDN'T YOU...?!
S...
SENSEI!
B...
BUT...
AND I WOULDN'T SAY THAT I WAS PROTECTING MYSELF WITH MY HAND.
NO, MY INJURY CAME FROM A SHARD OF A COFFEE CUP...
KISHIDA-SENSEI! IWATA-SENSEI!
YOU TEACHERS MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
W... WHAT?
shard of a coffee cup..?

SENSEIIIII!!
what?!!
W-WELL.
WE DIDN'T REALLY SEE ANYTHING...
.....
IWATA-SEN-SEI?!
WHAT HAPPENED, KISHIDA-SEN-SEI?!
HOW CAN YOU DO THIS TO ME?!
WHAT IS THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
HE'S THREATENING YOU TO KEEP YOU QUIET!
HE DID SOMETHING TO YOU, DIDN'T HE?!
IT'S KITANO!
W...
WHAT? NO...
LOOK AT ME WHEN YOU'RE SPEAKING!
U-UM,
WELL... WE DIDN'T EXACTLY SEE KITANO DO IT, REALLY...

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, SENSEI!!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET RID OF KITANO!
SENSEI!
FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, LOOK ME IN THE EYE!
HOW COULD I LET A STUDENT PUSH ME AROUND. ?
W-WHY, I'M A FULLY-CREDENTIALED SCHOOL COUNSELOR
.....
THIS IS A MIGHTY STRANGE MEETING...
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?
WHAT IS ALL THIS...?
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SENSEI!
WHEW.
PLEASE COME TO YOUR SENSES!
I NEED YOUR HELP!
SENSEI!
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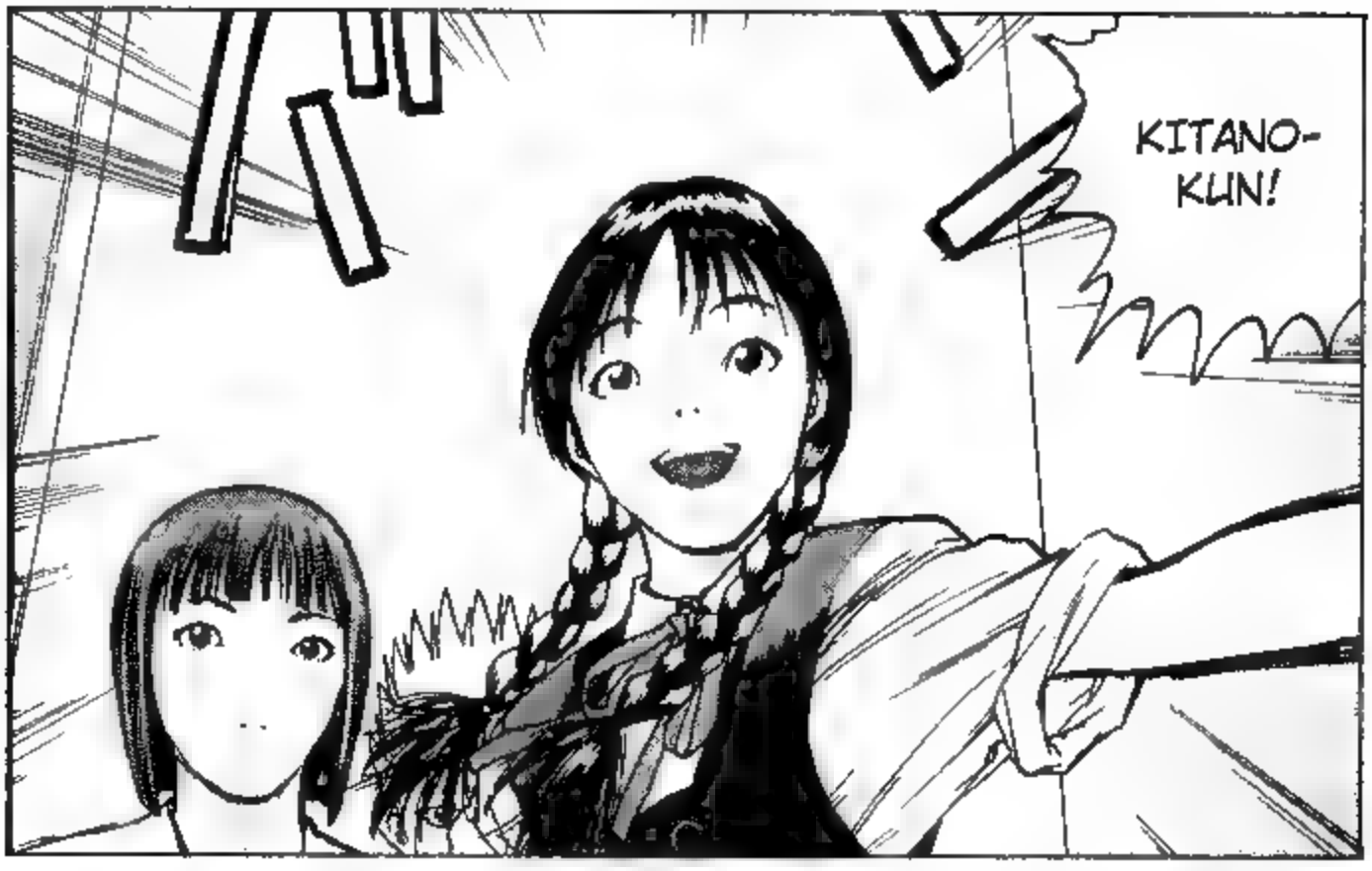
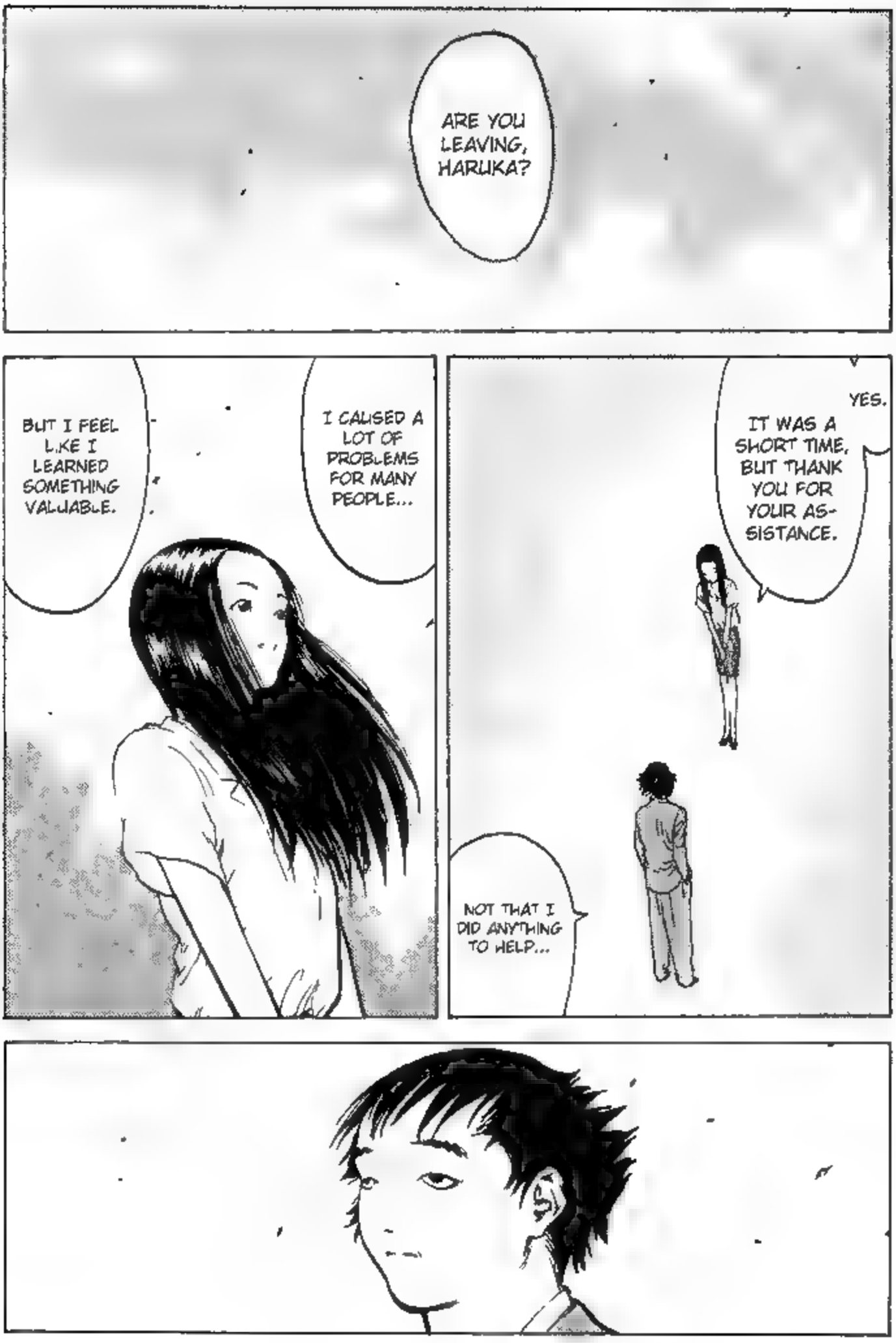

KITANO-KUN!

YOU CAN GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN TOMORROW!
ISN'T THAT GREAT?
ISN'T THAT GREAT, KITANO-KUN?
ISN'T IT?

uh.
tinkle tinkle

THEY CLEARED YOUR NAME!
THE MEET-ING'S OVER...
WE DID IT!
HUH?

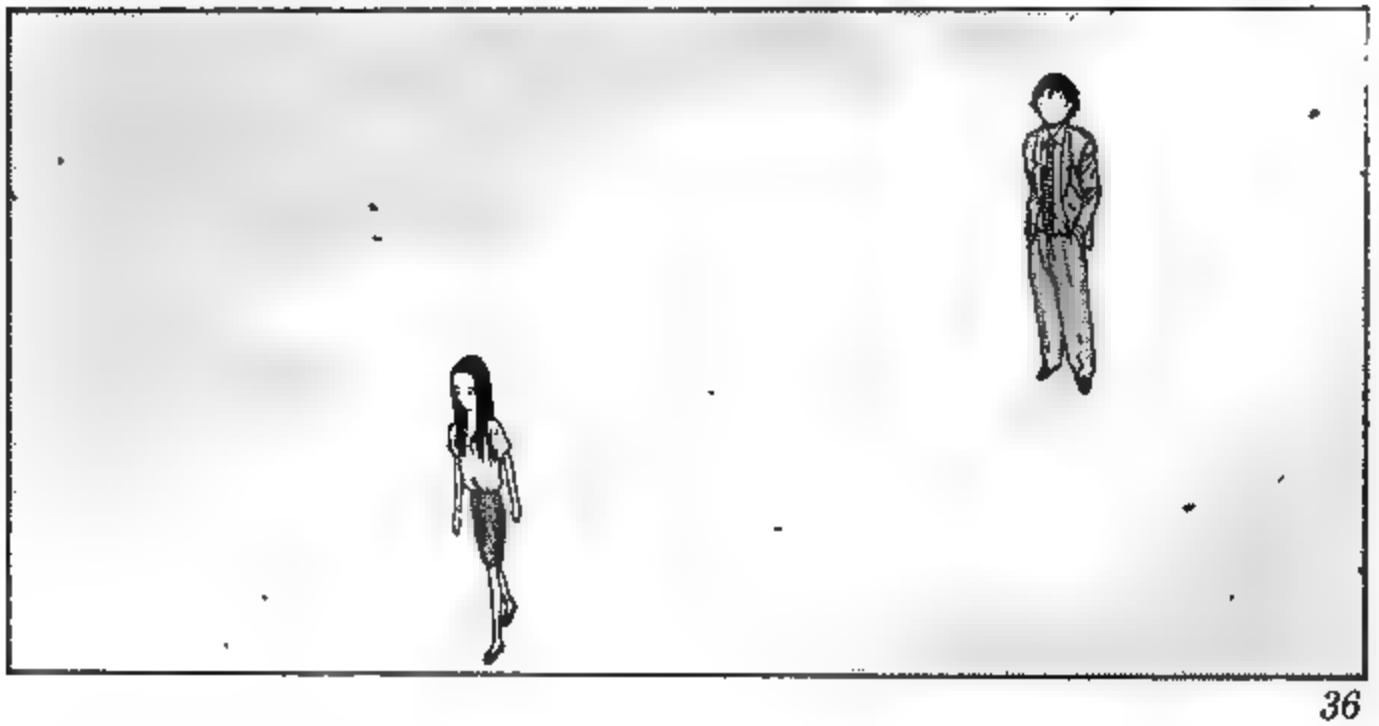
KYAAA AAAAA AAAAA AAAAA AAAAA
.....
tinkle tinkle
KYAAA!!
THIS IS THE BOYS' BATH-ROOM...
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!
Y-YOU IDIOT!
HUH?
HUH?
WHAT IS THIS?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING IN HERE?!
HUH?
STOP, DON'T KICK ME-
OWW!!
DON'T POINT THAT THING AT ME!


ARE YOU LEAVING, HARUKA?
I CAUSED A LOT OF PROBLEMS FOR MANY PEOPLE...
BUT I FEEL LIKE I LEARNED SOMETHING VALUABLE.
NOT THAT I DID ANYTHING TO HELP...
IT WAS A SHORT TIME, BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.
YES.

I THINK HE IS PROBABLY A KIND, GENTLE BOY UNDERNEATH.
AND NOT BY EXPELLING HIM.
KEEP TRYING TO CORRECT K.TANO-KUN...
I COULDN'T FULFILL MY DUTY. PLEASE KEEP TRYING, SENSEI.
!
YOU MANAGE TO MESS WITH PEOPLE'S MINDS CONSTANTLY, FROM BEGINNING TO END...
YOU ARE THE ODDEST PERSON...

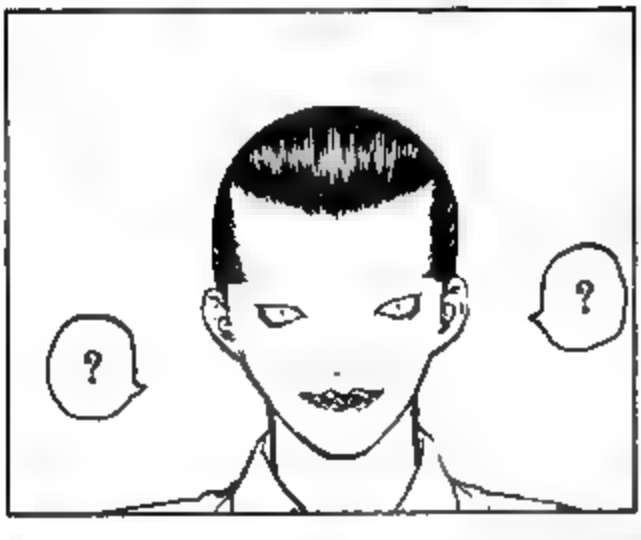
LEAVE IT TO ME.
GOT IT.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, SENSEI.
WELL,



IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR COMING IN!
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SHOULDN'T BE IN HERE!
THIS IS THE BOYS' BATHROOM, YOU IDIOT!
BUT NOBODY WAS IN HERE EARLIER!

Sign Boys' Bathroom



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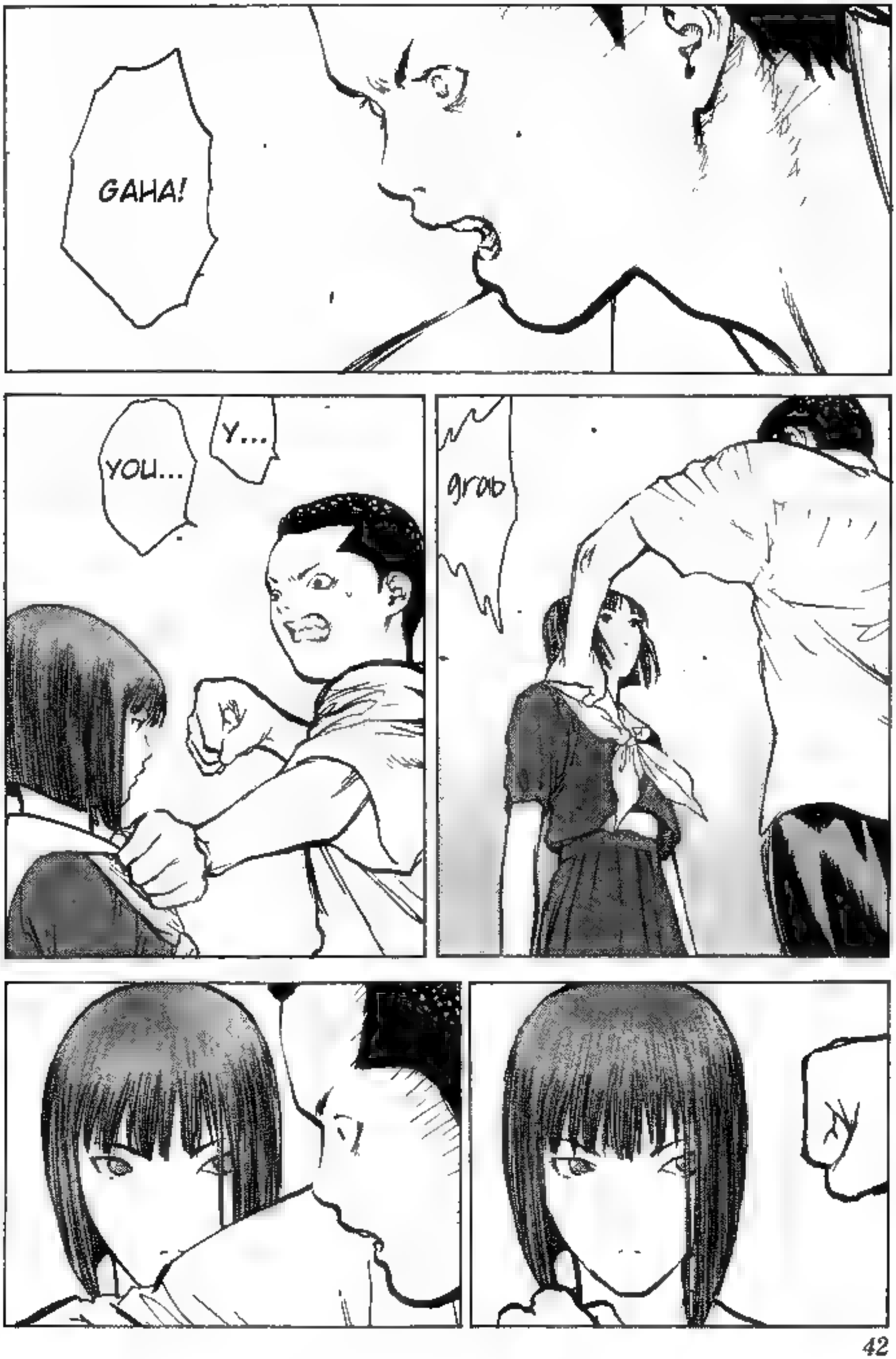
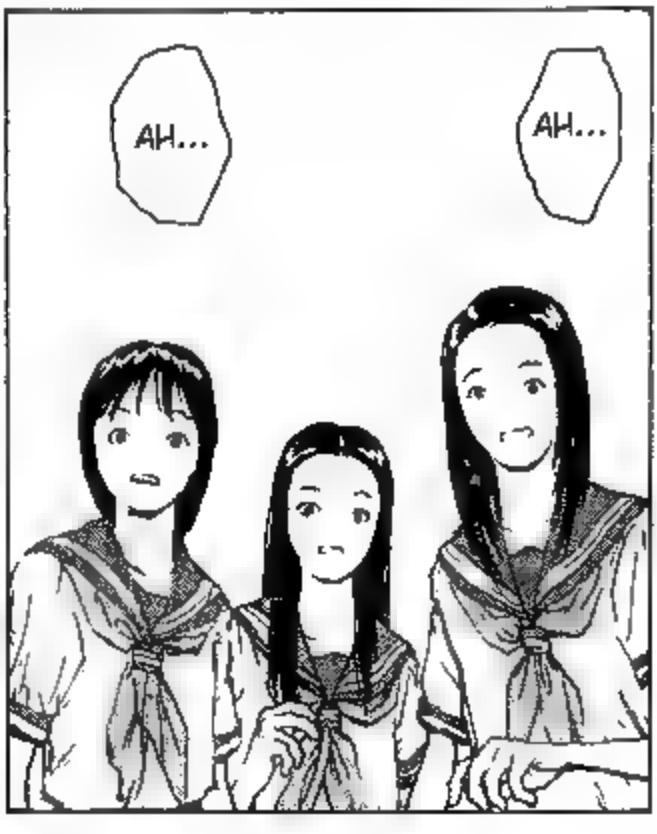

GAHA!
YOU...
Y...
grab

SHE TOOK OUT THOSE FOUR GUYS IN ONE SECOND...
WOW, ONE SECOND ...


AH...
AH...

THEN THE GUYS KINDA STARTED TO HARASS HER TOO, ALTHOUGH NOT REALLY ALL OF THEM...
AND NOW THEY LOOK LIKE TH S...
HUH? OH
THOSE THREE GIRLS WERE BEING SURROUNDED BY SOME THUGS.
WHAT HAP- PENED?
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?
AND THEN THAT OTHER GIRL WALKED BY
WHO IS THAT GIRL . ?
SHE DID THAT IN A 4-ON-1 FIGHT ..
UH...
W-WE,
WE, UM...
UMM ...
!

HUH?
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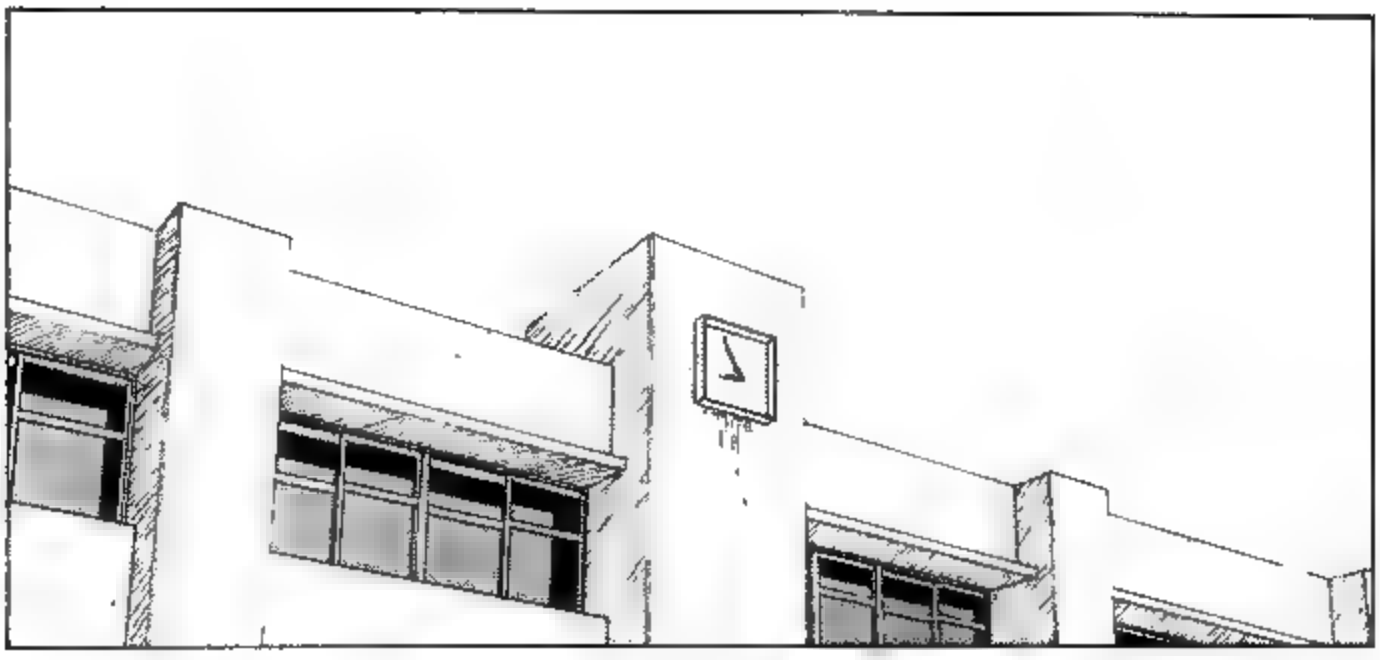
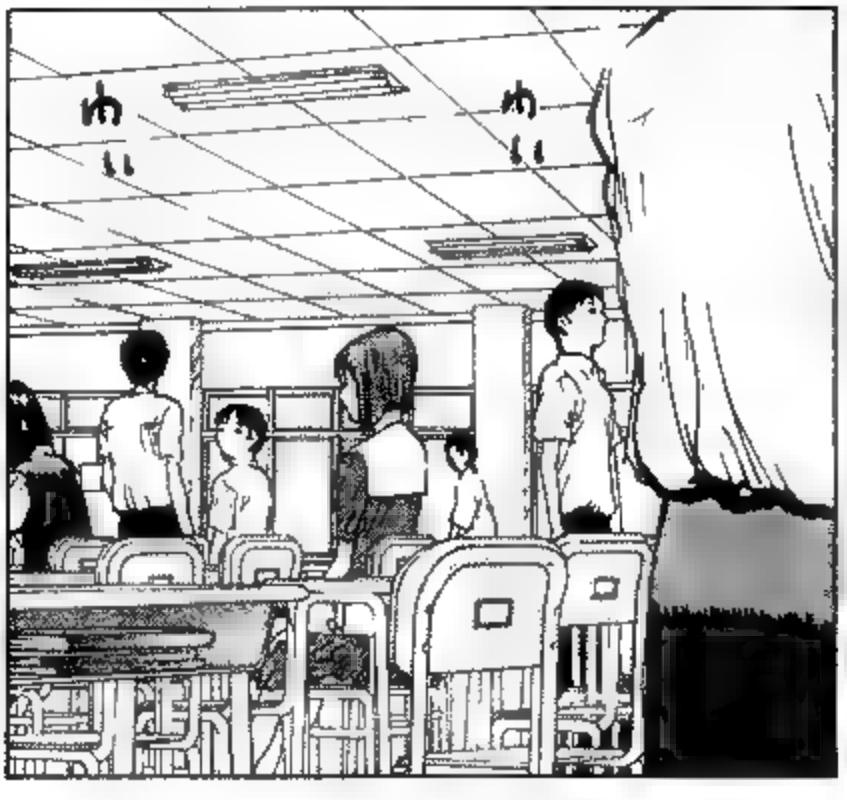
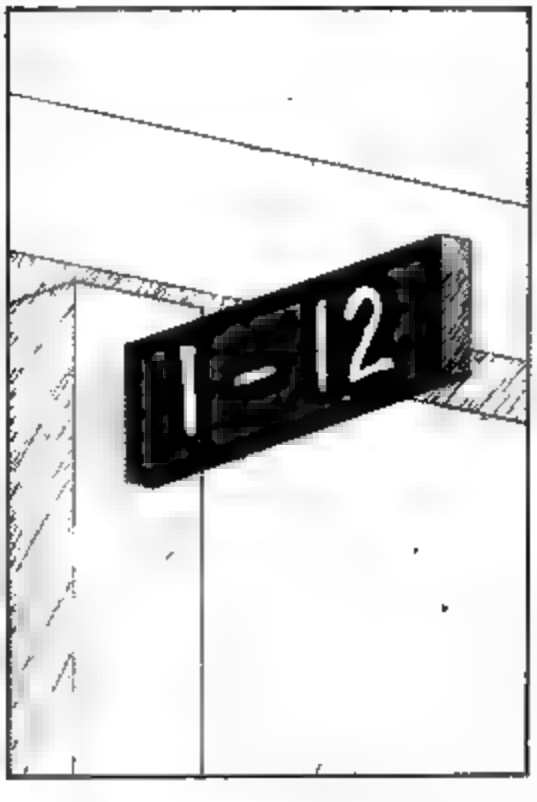
I THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO YELL AT US.
WHEW, THAT WAS SCARY.
REALLY CREEPY.
SHE HAD A MEAN GLARE.
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO.
LIKE, I HELPED YOU OUT, NOW YOU HAVE TO PAY ME BACK
LIKE SOME KINDA NEW-SCHOOL GIRL GANGSTER.



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HEY, SHIRATAKI-SAN.
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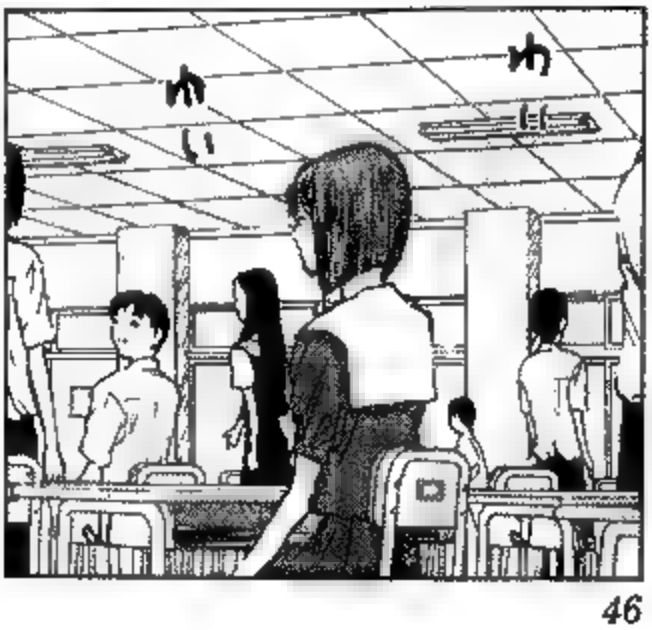

WHAT SCHOOL IS YOUR UNIFORM FROM, SHIRATAKI-SAN?
IT'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE.
IS IT FURTHER NORTH?
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YES. HAKURO HIGH SCHOOL
YOU SEE?!
YOU WERE RIGHT!
ONE OF MY RELATIVES LIVES NEAR THERE.
I KNEW I'D SEEN IT SOMEWHERE.
THAT'S PRETTY FAR AWAY.
MY FATHER IS CONSTANTLY TRANSFERRED AROUND
AND IT'S A PAIN TO KEEP BUYING NEW UNIFORMS, SO I JUST WEAR THIS ONE.
SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU WENT TO HAKURO BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?
NO...
HAKURO WAS BEFORE THE ONE BEFORE THAT.

I'D HATE TO BE MOVING ALL THE TIME.
I HOPE YOU CAN FIND A PLACE TO SETTLE DOWN FOR GOOD.
HUH?
WAIT, DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL BE LEAVING HERE SOON, TOO?
THAT MUST BE HARD.
I DON'T KNOW, I CAN'T PREDICT THE FUTURE.
DON'T EAVESDROP ON OTHER PEOPLES' CONVERSATIONS.
WERE YOU LISTENING TO US?
WHY, WHY?
WHAT?
IS SHIRATAKI TRANSFERRING AGAIN?
TELL ME!
SHUT THE HELL UP!
.....
wahahahaha
YOU JUST WANNA GO OUT WITH HER!
SHUT UP! NO I DON'T!
W- WHAT?
YOU'D BETTER FORGET ABOUT IT. YOU'RE NOT HER TYPE AT ALL.

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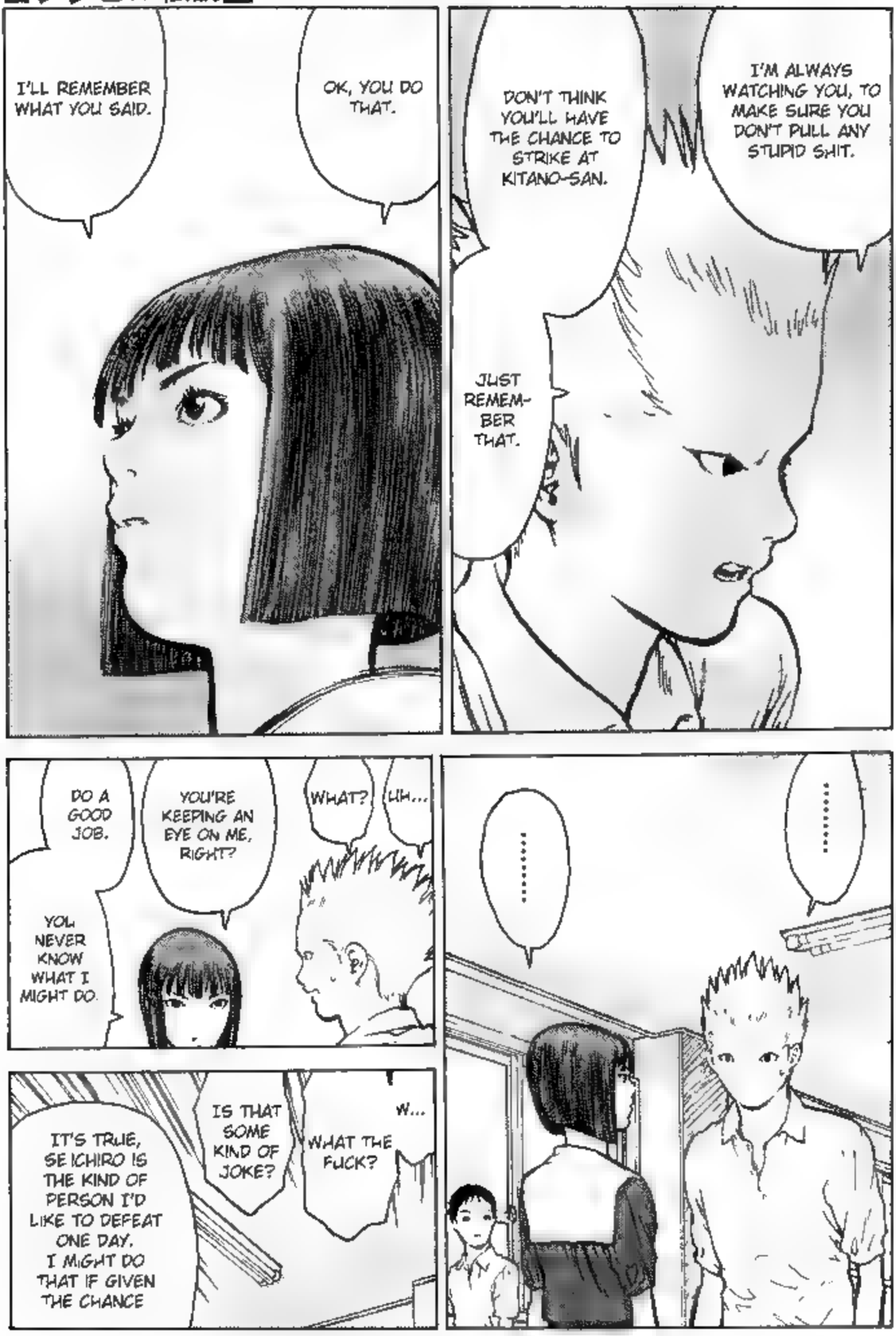
BITCH!
HEY!
LISTEN UP.
JUST CAUSE YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH KITANO-SAN NOW DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN ACT ALL TOUGH.
.....
CAUSE YOU'RE STILL NOT COOL WITH ME, YET.
YEAH.
JUST SO YOU KNOW,
THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA BE CALLING YOU FROM NOW ON.
SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
HUH?


I'LL REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID.
OK, YOU DO THAT.
DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO STRIKE AT KITANO-SAN.
I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU, TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T PULL ANY STUPID SHIT.
JUST REMEMBER THAT.
DO A GOOD JOB.
YOU'RE KEEPING AN EYE ON ME, RIGHT?
WHAT?
UH...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT I MIGHT DO.
.....
.....
IT'S TRUE, SEICHIRO IS THE KIND OF PERSON I'D LIKE TO DEFEAT ONE DAY. I MIGHT DO THAT IF GIVEN THE CHANCE
IS THAT SOME KIND OF JOKE?
W...
WHAT THE FUCK?

SO KEEP AT IT.
IT'S YOUR JOB TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN.
WH...
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT...?
MAN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HER AT ALL...
SHIT.

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HUH?

WHY DON'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING?!
WHAT THE FUCK ?!
YOU WANNA DIE?! HUH?!
UH-
K, KURODA-SAN!
.....
OH GOD!
AAAH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KURODA-SAN?!

GAH...
GAA?
GAK!
KURODA-SAN!
IT'S SHORT FOR "ACCURSED BROWN-HAIRED BITCH"!
IT MEANS YOU!
WHAT IS "ACC-BROWN BITCH" SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
.....
WHAT THE FUCK WAS THAT FOR?!
AAAAH! YOU ACC-BROWN BITCH!

AH.
SUCH WONDERFUL NICKNAMES I GET
DON'T GET TOO FULL OF YOURSELF! IF I GET SERIOUS, YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
NOW LISTEN, ACC-BROWN BITCH!
YOU GOT THAT, ACC-BROWN BITCH?!
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT VIOLENCE GIRL MIGHT DO NEXT.
LET'S GO, KURODA-SAN, WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE HER ANGRY.
HUH?
SO WHAT?
HAHA HAHA!!
HOW FUCKIN' LAME IS THAT?!
ACC-BROWN BITCH HAS A NOSEBLEED, ISN'T THAT HILARIOUS?!
GAHAHA, LOOK AT THAT!
YOU'VE GOT A DOUBLE-BARREL BLEEDER YOUR-SELF,
wipe wipe
.....
.....
SOMEDAY WE'RE GONNA RUMBLE FOR REAL!
YOU GOT THAT?!
REMEMBER THAT!
I'M NOT USING MY FULL STRENGTH, BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL!
I'M LETTING YOU WIN!
LISTEN, ACC-BROWN BITCH!

HOW ARE YOU, SEIICHIRO?
HEY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IKUNO-CHAN
!
AH!
OH!
W-WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
I JUST RAN INTO SOME-THING BIG OVER THERE...
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
I DIDN'T GET IT OFF?
UH.
Y-YOU HAVE A NOSE-BLEED...
IKUNO-CHAN...

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I REFUSE TO CARRY ONE.
DON'T YOU HAVE A HANDKERCHIEF OR ANYTHING?
OH, IT'S NOT GOING TO KILL YOU TO HAVE ONE ON YOU...
JUST DO IT!
I DON'T NEED T. IT WILL ONLY GET DIRTY
USE TH S TO STOP THE BLEEDING.
YOU DON'T WANT TO LET YOUR NOSE KEEP BLEEDING!
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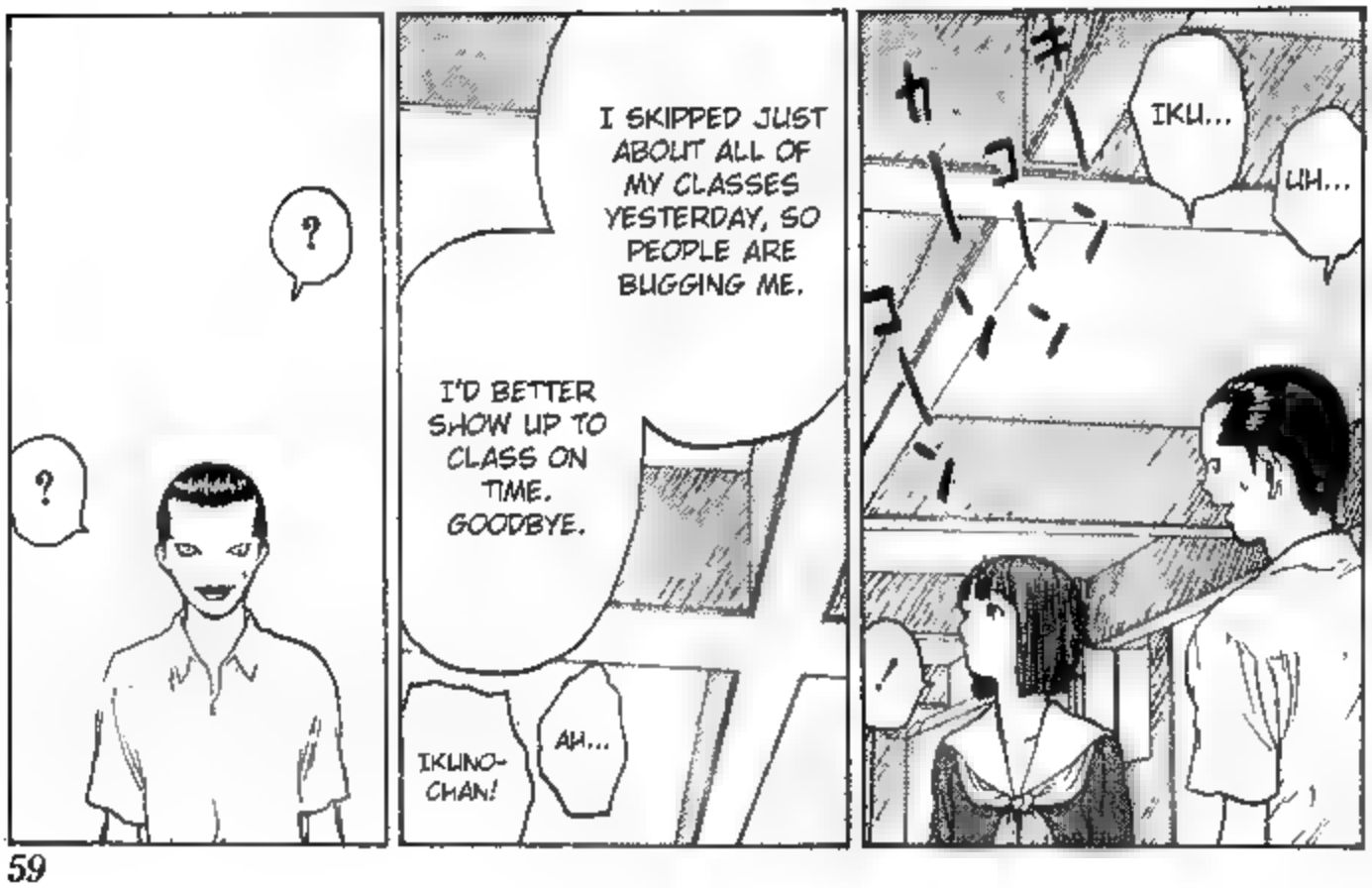
HERE.

WELL?
DID IT STOP?
ER,
I THINK SO.
SORRY FOR GETTING IT ALL MESSY...
THAT'S OK.
HANDKERCHIEFS ARE MADE TO GET DIRTY.
.....
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE QUITE A FUNNY FELLOW,
YOU ARE.
HUH?
DESPITE YOUR FACE, YOU'RE ACTUALLY QUITE NICE. .
HUH?
YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS...

HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
YET YOU'VE DEFEATED MY FATHER TWICE...
BUT I CAN'T REALLY TELL IF YOU'RE STRONG OR WEAK.

YOU SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND GIVE THEM A HANDKERCHIEF.
WHEN PEOPLE ARE HURT AND BLEEDING,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I SKIPPED JUST ABOUT ALL OF MY CLASSES YESTERDAY, SO PEOPLE ARE BUGGING ME.
I'D BETTER SHOW UP TO CLASS ON TIME. GOODBYE.
IKUNO-CHAN!
AH...
IKU...
UH...
!

RYOKO.
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
IKUNOOOOOO!
!
THANK GOOD-NESS, I MADE IT.
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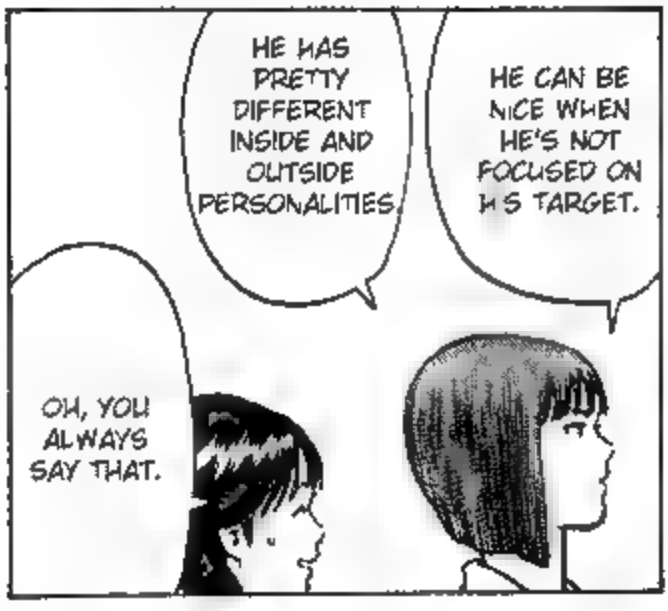
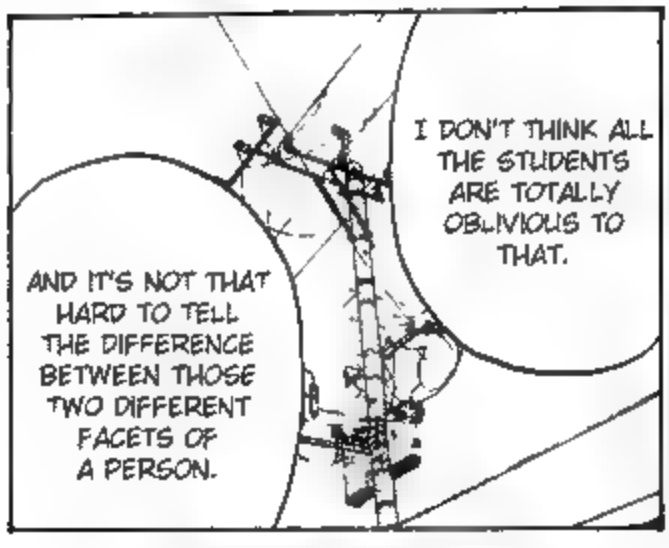
I SAW YOU ON CAMPUS.
LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER.
WHAT ABOUT SEIICHI RO?
DON'T YOU START, TOO...
IT'S NOT LIKE I GO HOME WITH KITANO-KUN EVERY SINGLE DAY.


HE HAS PRETTY DIFFERENT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE PERSONALITIES.
HE CAN BE NICE WHEN HE'S NOT FOCUSED ON HIS TARGET.
OH, YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT.

I GUESS YOUR DAD'S GOTTEN USED TO THIS SCHOOL BY NOW, HUH?
HE'S A PRETTY OPEN TEACHER; THE STUDENTS SEEM TO LIKE HIM.


I DON'T THINK ALL THE STUDENTS ARE TOTALLY OBLIVIOUS TO THAT.
AND IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE TWO DIFFERENT FACETS OF A PERSON.

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EVER SINCE HE QUIT THE SPECIAL COUNSELING JOB, IT'S LIKE THE DANGER DRAINED OUT OF HIM.
FOR INSTANCE, I THINK HIS OLD SMILING FACE AND THE FACE HE MAKES NOW ARE DIFFERENT.

MY FATHER HAS REALLY ADVANCED HIS TECHNIQUES IF HE CAN FOOL YOU THAT WELL NOW.
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN~~!

IKUNO,
I THINK YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE,
RIGHT?
HEY.
!
OH.
BYE, SHIRATAKI-SAN!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
SHIRATAKI! LET'S GO ON A DATE SOMETIME!
I'LL LET YOU HIT ME FIVE TIMES FOR IT!
WHAT A BUNCH OF AIRHEADS...
.....
MAN, SHUT THE HELL UP!
OW!

OH.
YEAH.
.....
I GUESS ALL THE GUYS IN OUR CLASS ARE LIKE THAT...
REALLY?
YOU WANNA COME TOO, IKUNO?
OH, IT'S NOTHING MAJOR.
WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT PLACE ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OH, YOU WANT TO GO THERE?
HUH?
KITANO-KUN ISN'T HERE
THAT'S RIGHT, TODAY'S A GOOD DAY FOR IT.
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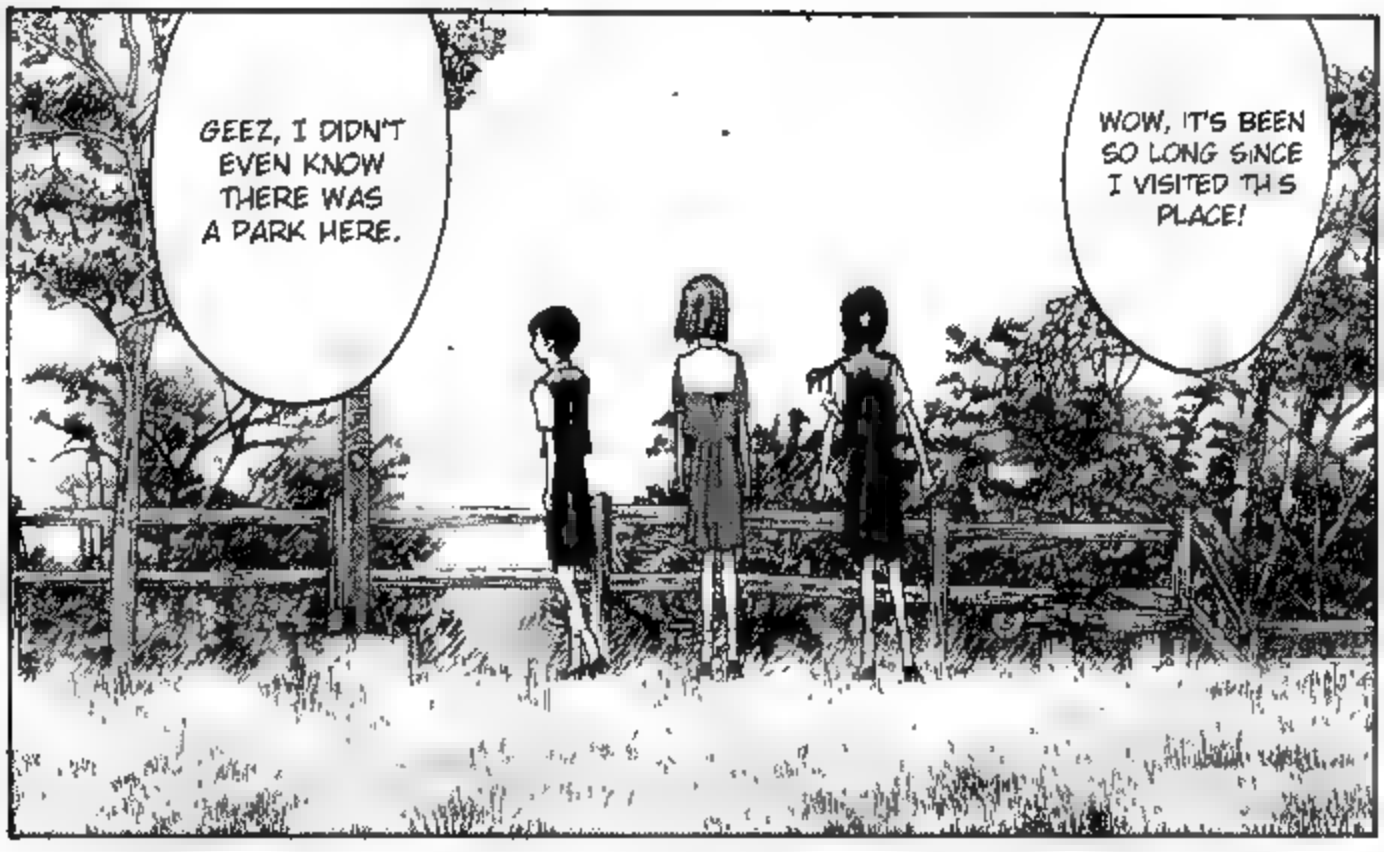
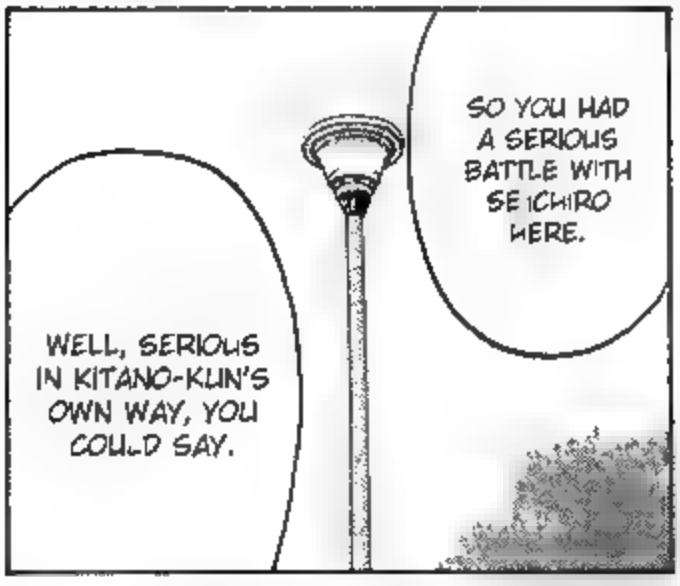
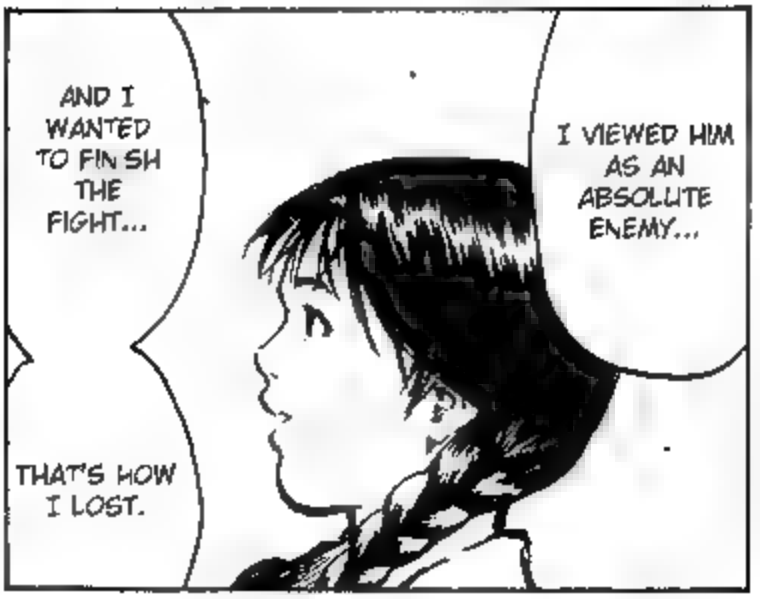
THE PLACE WHERE KITANO-KUN AND I FIRST FOUGHT FOR REAL.


GEEZ, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THERE WAS A PARK HERE.
WOW, IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I VISITED THIS PLACE!


SO YOU HAD A SERIOUS BATTLE WITH SEICHIRO HERE.
WELL, SERIOUS IN KITANO-KUN'S OWN WAY, YOU COULD SAY.

I GUESS THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE COULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT KITANO-KUN ALONG.
MAYBE I JUST FELT SHY ABOUT IT...


I VIEWED HIM AS AN ABSOLUTE ENEMY...
AND I WANTED TO FINISH THE FIGHT...
THAT'S HOW I LOST.

THAT BOY IS REALLY SOME-THING ELSE...
HE EVEN BEAT MY FATHER...
HE BEAT ME...
HE BEAT YOU,
JUST LIKE ME...
YES.
IT'S PRETTY MUCH EXACTLY THE SAME.
W-WHAT DO YOU THINK OF KITANO-KUN, IKUNO?
H-HEY... I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU...
HUH?
WELL, YOU KNOW
I... I MEAN, WE'RE ALL GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP, BUT...
I... I MEAN, YOU WERE PRETTY SERIOUS WHEN HE GOT SUSPENDED AND EVERYTHING...
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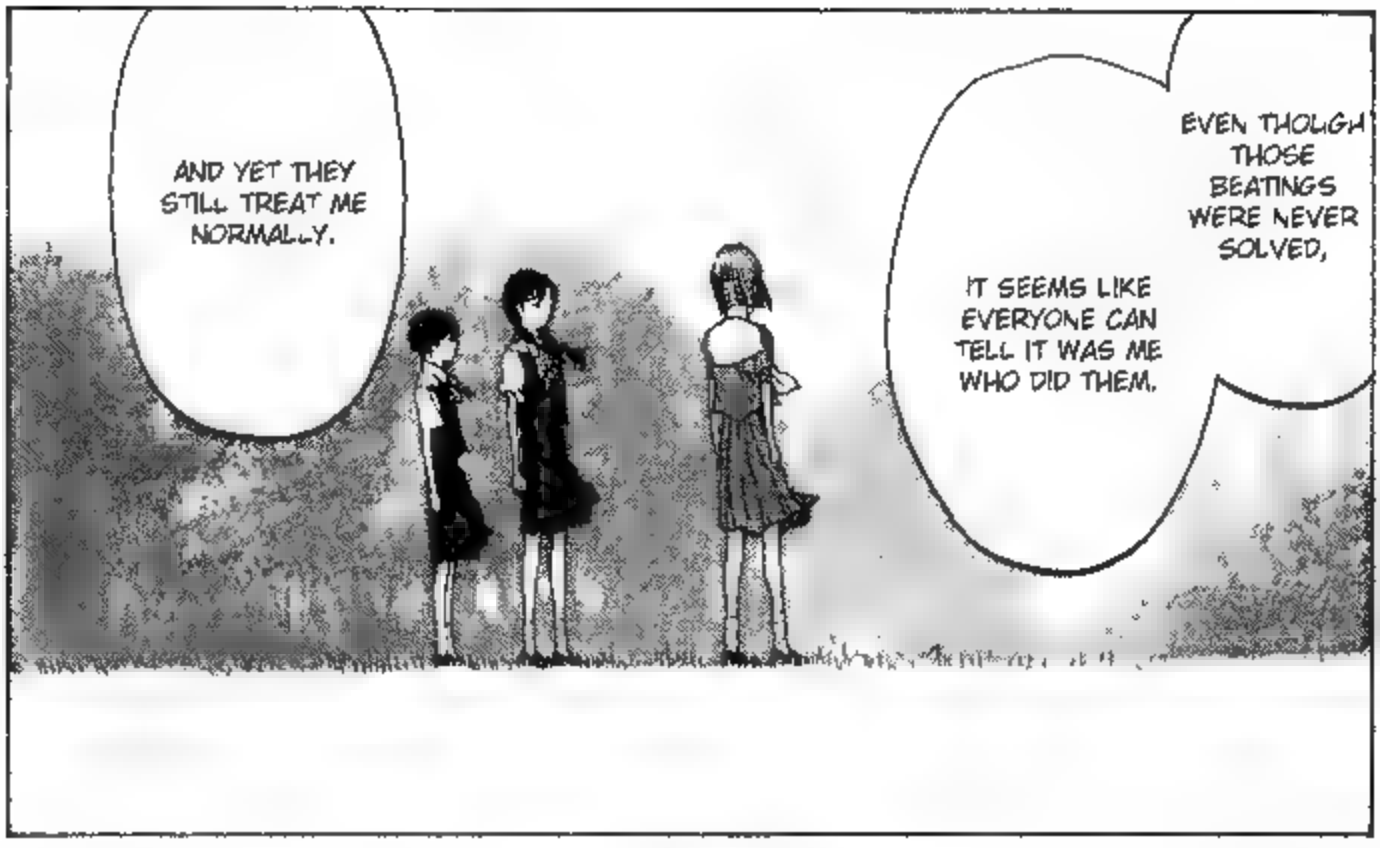
I LIKE HIM.
HE'S KIND, STRONG, AND FASCINATING ...
WHA...
ER...
UMM...
I LIKE YOU, TOO.
YOU'RE INTEREST-ING, AND STRONGER THAN ME.
I LIKE THAT LITTLE ONE OVER THERE, TOO.
UH-OH, LOVE TRIANGLE

HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
THE BIG ONE IS STUPID BUT FUNNY, I LIKE HIM.
THE BLOND BOY IS ANNOYING, BUT I LIKE HIM.
HUH?
RED-HAIR NEVER LEARNS FROM HIS MISTAKES, BUT I LIKE HIM.
I LIKE ALL THE AIRHEADS IN OUR CLASS, TOO.
Little one..?
EVERYONE TREATS ME LIKE A NORMAL PERSON, WHEN BEFORE I WAS ALWAYS FEARED AND SHUNNED.
IT'S SUCH AN ODD SCHOOL.


AND YET THEY STILL TREAT ME NORMALLY.
EVEN THOUGH THOSE BEATINGS WERE NEVER SOLVED,
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE CAN TELL IT WAS ME WHO DID THEM.

IT'S LIKE I NEVER DID ANYTHING AT ALL...
THEY'RE ALL SO CAREFREE.
THEY'RE NOT TRYING TO SUCK UP, THEY'RE NOT AFRAID.

BUT I DIDN'T REALLY SEE A PROBLEM WITH IT, SO I DIDN'T CARE.
THIS WAS, OF COURSE, MY OWN FAULT.
I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST HOW I WAS.

THEY ALL AVOIDED ME. THEY PRETENDED LIKE I DIDN'T EVEN EXIST.
AT ALL OF THE SCHOOLS I WENT TO BEFORE, I WAS THE OBJECT OF EVERYONE'S FEARS.

BUT IT'S NOT THAT I FIND IT UNCOMFORT-ABLE ..
I'M JUST SO SURPRISED THAT I CAN FIND MYSELF AT PEACE IN SUCH A SETTING.
SO SOMETIMES I'M A BIT TAKEN ABACK.
IT'S THE FIRST THIS HAS EVER HAP-PENED...

BUT EVER SINCE SOMETHING HAPPENED, EVERYONE HAS COME TO REALIZE THAT HE'S NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON...
WELL, I GUESS NOT EVERYONE HAS REALIZED IT.
A WHILE AGO...
PEOPLE WERE REALLY AFRAID OF KITANO-KUN.
WELL, IT'S STILL TRUE EVEN NOW.
BUT BACK THEN, IT WAS ABSOLUTE TERROR...
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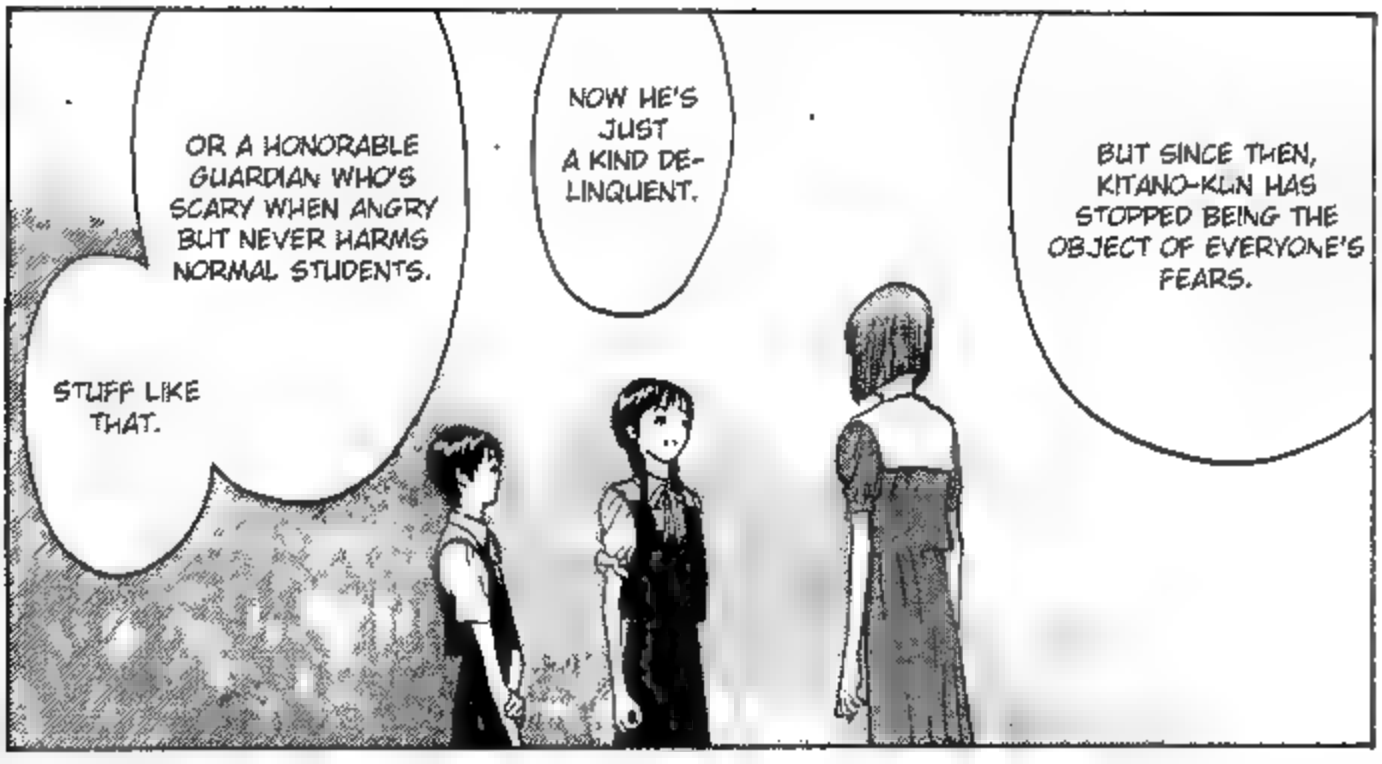
OR A HONORABLE GUARDIAN WHO'S SCARY WHEN ANGRY BUT NEVER HARMS NORMAL STUDENTS.
STUFF LIKE THAT.
NOW HE'S JUST A KIND DE-LINQUENT.
BUT SINCE THEN, KITANO-KUN HAS STOPPED BEING THE OBJECT OF EVERYONE'S FEARS.

I DON'T KNOW, IT'S KIND OF HARD TO EXPLAIN.
THEY WERE ABLE TO LOOK AT HIM WITH THEIR OWN EYES AND THINK OF HIM LIKE A REGULAR PERSON...
THAT WAS THE POINT AT WHICH EVERYONE STARTED TO VIEW KITANO-KUN FOR WHO HE WAS, NOT WHAT HE WAS...
IT SEEMS LIKE...

AND LEARNED NOT TO BE MISLED BY OUTWARD LOOKS OR RUMORS.
WE'VE CONQUERED OUR FEARS OF APPEARANCES,
BY SEEING KITANO-KUN'S ACTIONS.

SO NOW SMALLER FEARS NO LONGER CAN FAZE US THE WAY THEY USED TO.
THIS MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT WAY TO SAY IT, BUT IT'S LIKE WE'VE ALL CONQUERED OUR FEAR OF KITANO-KUN.

I KNOW IT'S NOT EXACTLY THE SAME FOR EVERYONE,
BUT I THINK THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, IN GENERAL.

KITANO-KUN!
AAAH!
A...
!
W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I ASKED SOME PEOPLE FROM IKUNO-CHAN'S CLASS AND THEY SAID SHE WAS WALKING IN THIS DIRECTION ..
IKUNO-CHAN!
REALLY, IKUNO?
HUH?!
REALLY ?
AND THEY SAID YOU MIGHT TRANSFER AGAIN...
WHEN I SAW YOU IN SCHOOL, IT SEEMED LIKE SOMETHING WAS WRONG, SO I TALKED TO YOUR CLASSMATES...
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AND I LIKE IT HERE...
I THINK I'LL BE HERE FOR A WHILE.
AND HE HIMSELF SEEMS TO HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING HEKIKUU AT THE MOMENT...
WELL, THE ENTAILMENTS OF MY FATHER'S WORK HERE HAVE CHANGED SOMEWHAT
HUH?
YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO CHANGE, ARE YOU?
YOU RAN OVER HERE JUST TO SAY THAT?
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IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO LOSE ALL OF THEM.
I'M GLAD. YOU MADE ALL THESE FRIENDS,
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YEAH.
I HOPE WE CAN BE TOGETHER FOREVER LIKE THIS.
AREN'T YOU GLAD, IKUNO?

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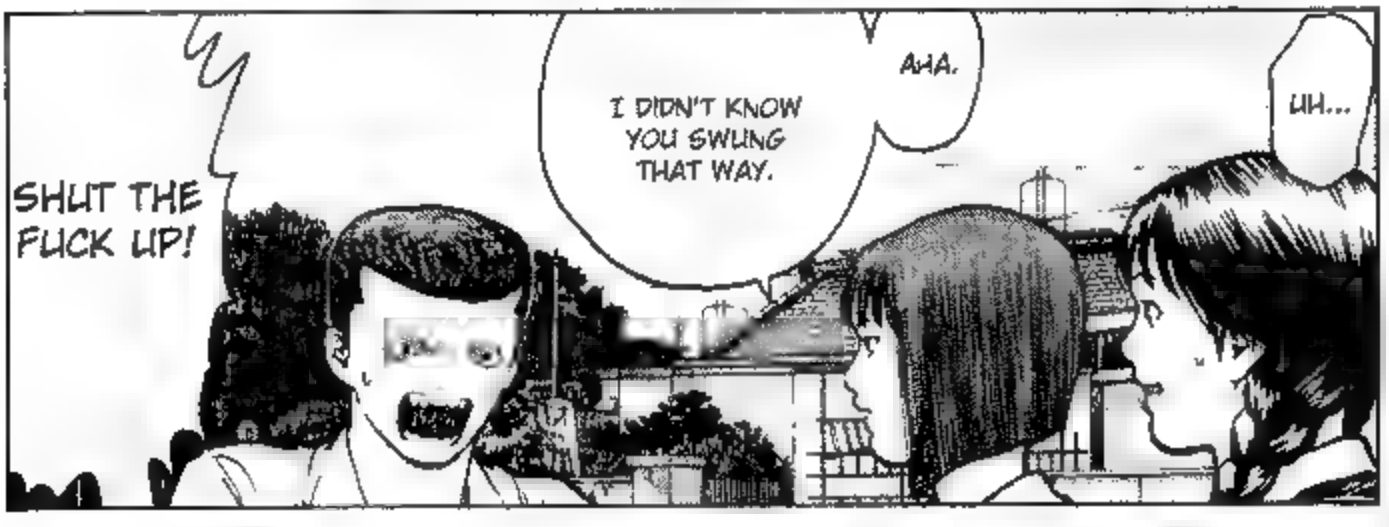
GAHAHH!
GAH!
AH.
THIS IS A SERIOUS ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE BETWEEN MEN!
DON'T BUTT IN AND SCREW IT UP!
WHAT THE FUCK, KOISO?!
AAAHHH...
AGH...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN! WHY DO YOU HAVE TO FIGHT HIM AT ALL?!
YEAH, THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT. I WAS WAITING HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU WERE WAITING AT THE SCHOOL GATE TO CATCH US ON THE WAY HOME!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY COMMON SENSE?!
UH...
AH...
LEAVE THIS FOOL ALONE.
LET'S GO, KITANO-KUN.
I KNOW, I KNOW! I'M NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR HIM TO CONSIDER FIGHTING ME!
W-WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?!
KITANO-KUN DOESN'T. .
PLEASE, FIGHT ME!
W... WAIT, NO. 2!
AAAH!

YOUR POWER IS EXACTLY WHAT I NEED I RIGHT NOW! I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYONE ELSE!
BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN RELY ON, NO. 2!!


SHUT THE FUCK UP!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU SWUNG THAT WAY.
AHA.
UH...

NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
NO WONDER YOU ALWAYS CHALLENGE ME TO FIGHTS.
OH, YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE.

AND THAT UTTER, UNDENIABLY EVIL STRENGTH AND I WANT YOU TO USE IT TO CRUSH ME!
YOU'VE GOT THAT DEMONIC APPEAR-ANCE...

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GRRR RR.
WE'RE JUST IN THE SAME CLASS!
NO WE AREN'T FRIENDS!
WE'RE FRIENDS.
LISTEN, I'M SERIOUS HERE. YOU ASK HIM TOO, KOISO.
LOOK, I'M NOT GOING TO DO THIS FOR YOU!
WHAT?
INSTEAD KOISO, YOU LET ME JOIN YOUR DOJO!
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S IT!
THAT'S WHY I NEED YOUR HELP!
BUT WE DON'T ACCEPT APPREN-TICES...
NOT AS AN APPRENTICE, I JUST WANT TO BE GIVEN TEMPORARY LESSONS FOR A WHILE.
I WANT YOUR DOJO TO REBUILD ME FROM THE GROUND UP.
W-WHY? WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?
PLEASE!

I'M DISGUSTED THAT I ACTUALLY GOT SCARED AND RAN AWAY FROM SOME OLD COUNSELOR GUY!
I JUST CAN'T STAND MYSELF ANYMORE!
SO I THOUGHT, MAYBE IF I FACE NO. 2, THE VERY EMBODIMENT OF TERROR, THAT I WOULD LEARN TO CONQUER MY OWN FEARS!
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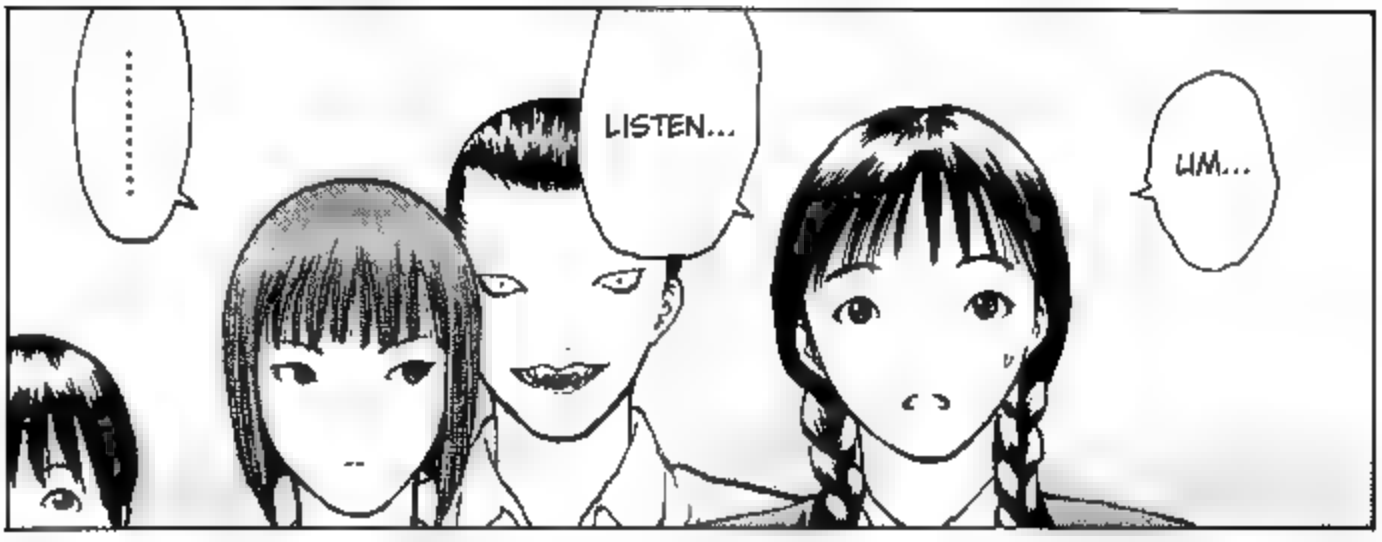
well, you made the right decision
I DUNNO, THEY WERE SAYING HE KILLED BEARS OR HUMANS OR WHATEVER.
Y... YOU MEAN THE COUNSELOR THAT JUST RECENTLY GOT HIRED...?
I GOT SCARED BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED FIGHTING...

SO I NEED YOUR HELP, KOISO.
YEAH, RIGHT. WHATEVER.
MY FATHER WOULD NEVER ACCEPT THAT.
WELL EXCUSE ME FOR HAVING SUCH A SHADY, EVIL FATHER!
HE ZO'S TOUGH, AND HE'S GOT THAT SUPER SHADY, EVIL LOOK.
AND IF NOT NO. 2, THEN I'LL SETTLE FOR HEIZO.
SO HE'S PER-FECT, TOO.
AND WHY SHOULD I DO THAT FOR YOU?!
THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO CONVINCE HIM...
PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!
I'M NOT ASKING YOU BECAUSE I JUST WOKE UP AND FELT LIKE IT TODAY!
I'M SERIOUS HERE! I'M ASKING YOU SERIOUSLY!
PLEASE, KOISO!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LISTEN...
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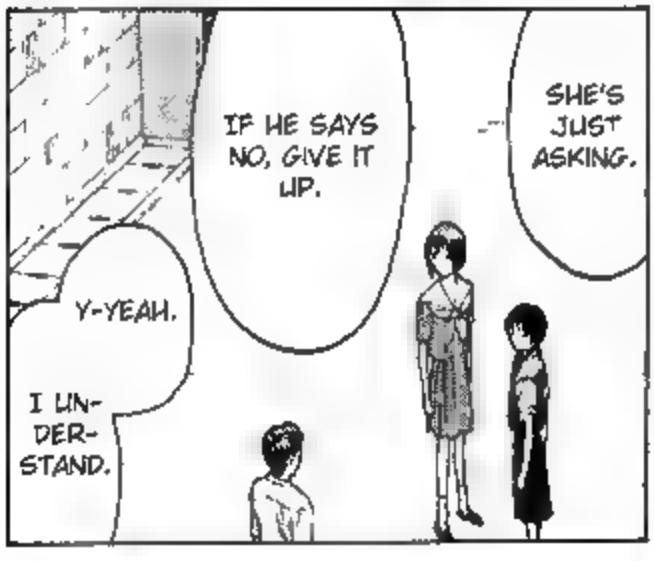
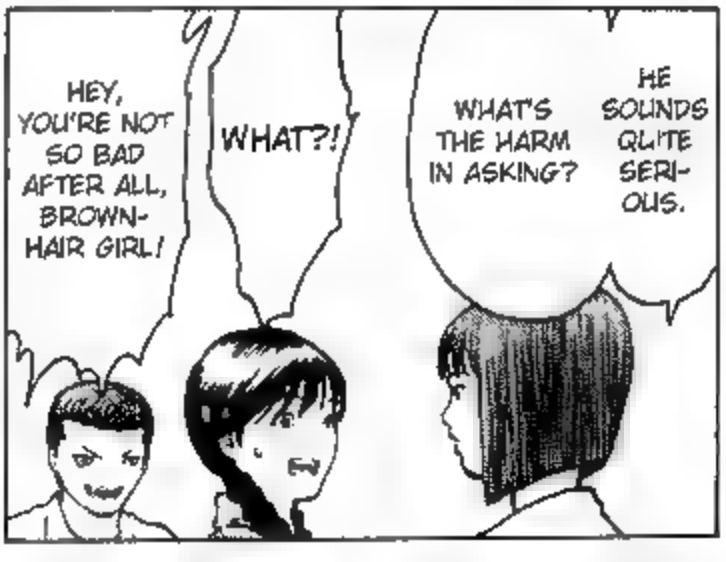

Y-YEAH.
I UN-DER-STAND.
IF HE SAYS NO, GIVE IT UP.
SHE'S JUST ASKING.


HEY, YOU'RE NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL, BROWN-HAIR GIRL!
WHAT?!
WHAT'S THE HARM IN ASKING?
HE SOUNDS QUITE SERI-OUS.

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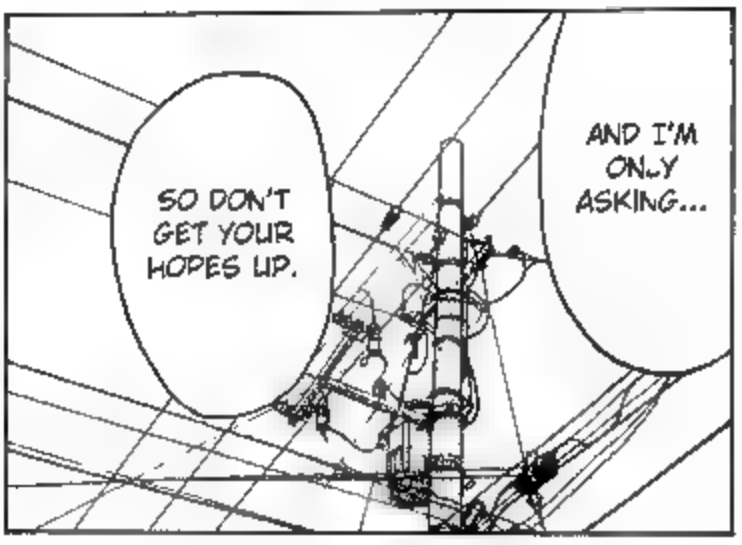
SO DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP.
AND I'M ONLY ASKING...

VERY WELL.
BRING THAT BOY TO ME...
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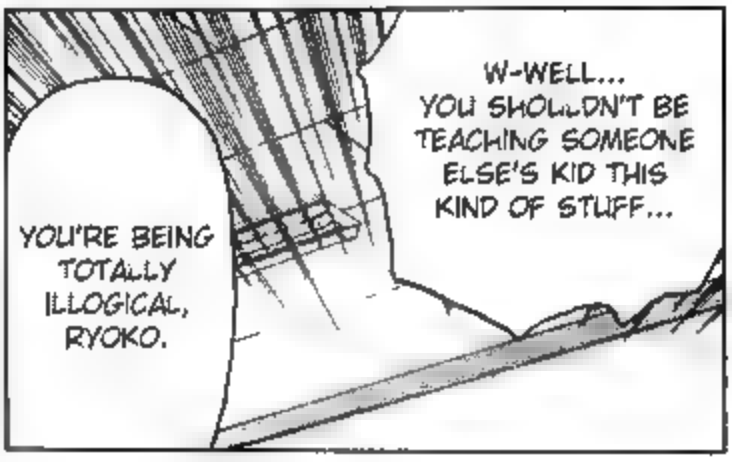
AAH!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
DON'T YOU USUALLY REFUSE THESE?!
W... WAIT A MINUTE, WHY ARE YOU ACCEPTING?!

UGH...
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU USE IT FOR, BASICALLY?

HE'S A PUNK!
HE HAS RED HAIR!
WHAT A STRANGE GIRL.
YOU ASKED ME!
W-WHAT'S YOUR PROB-LEM?
HE WANTS TO USE IT TO GET STRONGER AT FIGHTING!

I WILL DO IT, ON ONE CONDITION.


YOU'RE BEING TOTALLY ILLOGICAL, RYOKO.
W-WELL... YOU SHOULDN'T BE TEACHING SOMEONE ELSE'S KID THIS KIND OF STUFF...

OH!
WELL, AT LEAST YOU RECOGNIZE HIM AS SPAWN OF SATAN.
WHY SHOULD I BRING KITANO-KUN?!
BRING ALONG THAT DEVILISH BOY, AS WELL.
CONDITION ..?
UGH...
I think I've been tricked..
THAT'S GOOD, THAT'S GOOD.
I SEE NOW. YOU THINK THE SAME WAY I DO.
HE IS THE DEVIL INCARNATE...
I ONLY SAID "DEVILISH BOY."
YOU MADE THAT ASSUMPTION.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU...
NOTHING MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT.
I JUST WANT TO SEE WHAT IT IS HE'S GOT.
.....
WELL, ACCORDING TO THE RUMORS CIRCULATING AROUND TOWN, HE IS QUITE THE POWERFUL OPPONENT.
AND NOW I'M INTERESTED.
B... BUT WHY KITANO-KUN...?

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IF YOU DON'T DO THAT, THE DEAL'S OFF.
SO, THAT IS MY CONDITION: BRING ALONG DEMON BOY.
GOT IT?
WHAT?!
HE SAID NO?!
HEIZO ACTUALLY SAID OK.
I'M SUR-PRISED.
HUH?!
WHAT?!
HMM...
DAMN...
I TRIED REALLY HARD, HONESTLY.

UH...
THAT'S FUCKED UP!
GOD, WHY DID YOU LIE TO ME?!
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IKUNO...?
YOU'RE A TERRIBLE LIAR. I COULD TELL RIGHT AWAY.
WHAT?! IS THAT TRUE?!
小殺法古武術
.....
WHAT DOES SEIICHIRO HAVE TO DO WITH ANY OF THIS?
I DON'T KNOW.
SOMETIMES MY DAD SAYS THE STRANGEST THINGS.
ALTHOUGH I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT WHAT HE'S COOKING UP
!
SO...
HE SAID IT WAS OK IF KITANO-KUN CAME ALONG, TOO...

HUH?
I BEG OF YOU!
COME TO HEIZO'S LESSON WITH ME!
PLEASE, NO. 2!!
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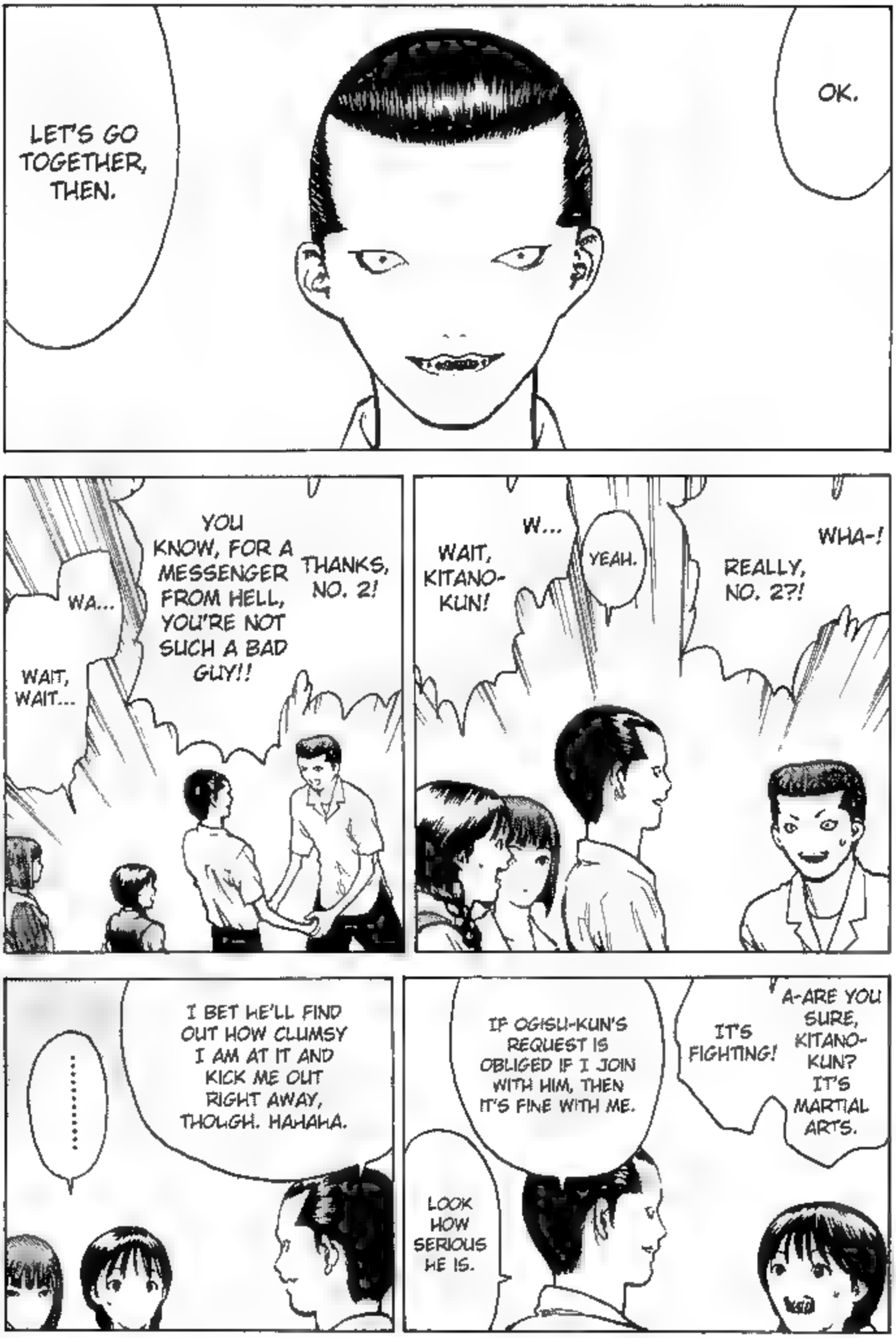
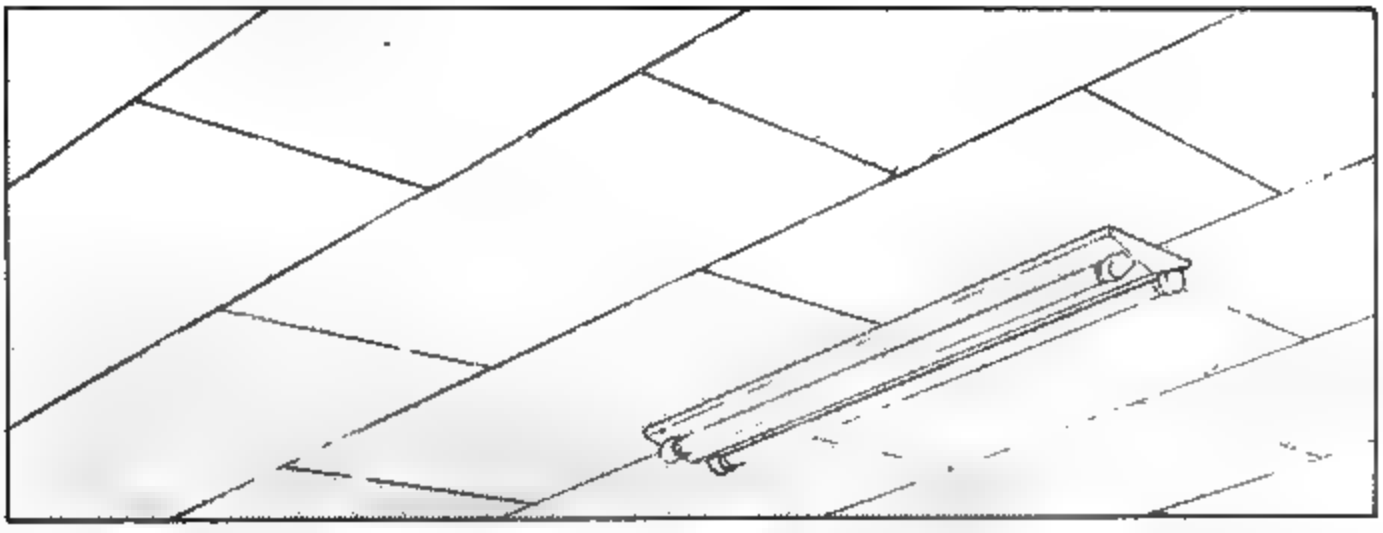
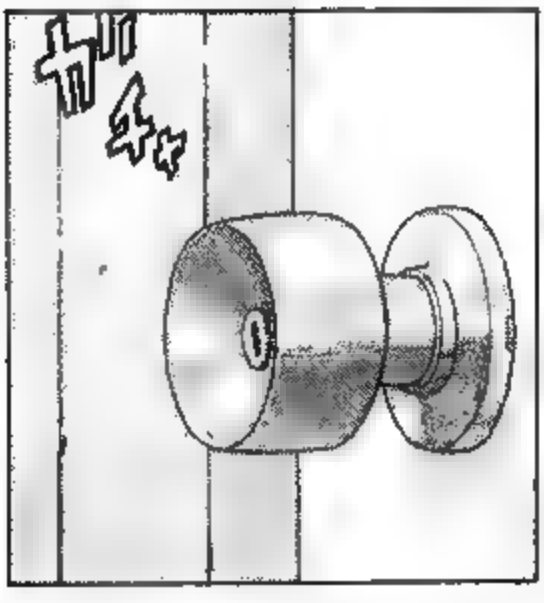
I KNOW! I KNOW YOU DON'T NEED TO BE TRAINED BY ANYONE!
JUST PLEASE, DO THIS FOR ME!
BUT I DON'T..
BUT...
UM...
LISTEN, OGISU ..
I WILL BE IN YOUR DEBT FOR ALL ETERNITY!
LOOK AT HOW SERIOUS I AM!

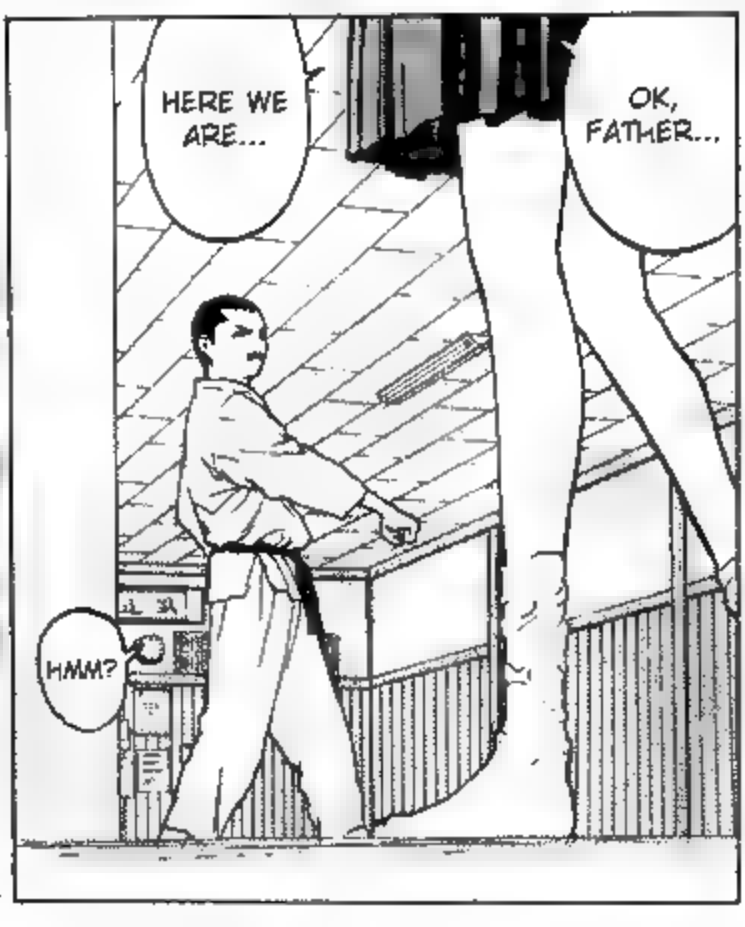

LET'S GO TOGETHER, THEN.
OK.
WA...
WAIT, WAIT...
YOU KNOW, FOR A MESSENGER FROM HELL, YOU'RE NOT SUCH A BAD GUY!!
THANKS, NO. 2!
W...
WAIT, KITANO-KUN!
YEAH.
WHA-!
REALLY, NO. 2?!
.....
I BET HE'LL FIND OUT HOW CLUMSY I AM AT IT AND KICK ME OUT RIGHT AWAY, THOUGH. HAHAHA.
IF OGISU-KUN'S REQUEST IS OBLIGED IF I JOIN WITH HIM, THEN IT'S FINE WITH ME.
IT'S FIGHTING!
A-ARE YOU SURE, KITANO-KUN? IT'S MARTIAL ARTS.
LOOK HOW SERIOUS HE IS.

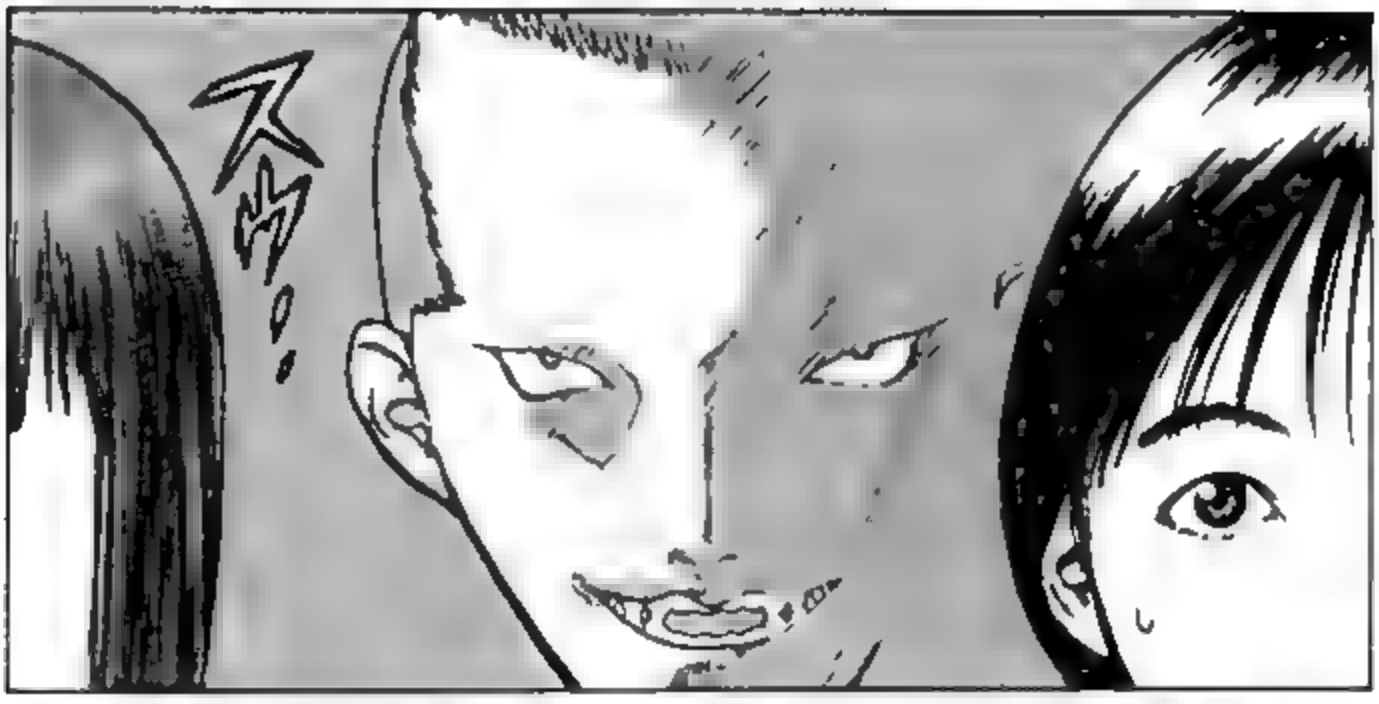




WHEW...

WHAT'S THIS?
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO BRING THAT DEMON WITH YOU...
I KNOW...
hey it's Heizo


HERE WE ARE...
OK, FATHER...
HMM?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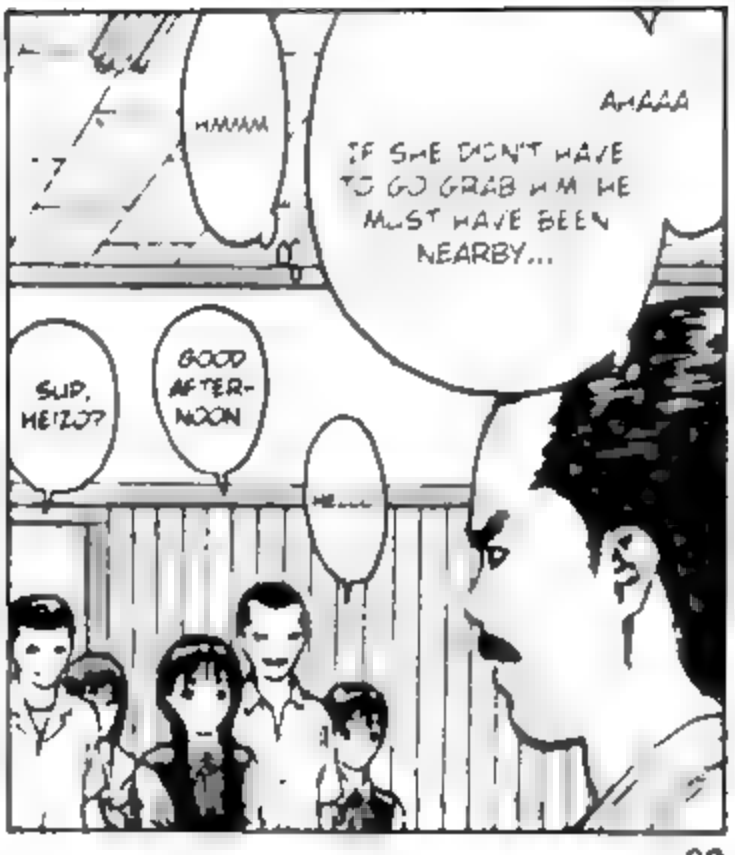
VERY WELL SPAWN OF HADES
WHICH MEANS HE MUST HAVE BEEN WITH RYOKO ON THE WAY HOME..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AHAAA
IF SHE DON'T HAVE TO GO GRAB HIM HE MUST HAVE BEEN NEARBY...
SUP, HEIJO?
GOOD AFTER-NOON
HE...

IT DOESN'T MATTER.
THE ROBES ARE OVER THERE. JUST PICK ONE OUT.
COOL.
OK.
MMM.
HEY, THANKS A BUNCH, HEIZO.
THANK YOU, SIR.
I'LL JUST WATCH, THANKS.
IF I FEEL LIKE JOINING IN, I'LL DO IT IN THESE CLOTHES...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, IKUNO?
WELL, I'LL GET CHANGED TOO.
.....
I HOPE THEY HAVE ONE THAT FITS ME
THERE SURE ARE A LOT
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.....
yours looks pretty big on you
this was all I could find
.....
PUTTING THIS THING ON HAS PUT ME IN JUST THE RIGHT MOOD FOR THIS...
HEHEHE...
HAHAHA.
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME
INSIDE THE DOJO, I AM IN A LEGAL POSITION TO EXACT MY VENGEANCE
I STILL NEED TO REPAY HIM FOR THAT INTERVIEW DAY
I'LL MANAGE.
IT'S FINE
THAT'S ALL WE HAVE.
SORRY, KITANO-KUN.
ALL READY
OK.
OOOH
AH,
OK.
HERE, AT LEAST ROLL UP THE SLEEVES.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
BE CAREFUL.
JUST DON'T HURT YOURSELF.
YEAH. I'M FINE.
YOU CAN MOVE AROUND OK?
THERE, THAT SHOULD DO IT.
!
LIKE NEWLY-WEDS OR SOME-THING.
HAHAA, I LIKE THAT MOOD YOU HAVE GOING.
SHALL WE GET STARTED,
OK THEN.
HEI...
D... DON'T SAY THAT, IKUNO!
AAAH!
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WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING?
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.

HE ZO IS HELLA PUMPED.
YEAH, HE'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT WHEN THE ROBES ARE ON.
NEVER, DEMON!
NEVER!
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ゴゴ..
NONSENSE! EVEN IN THIS MODERN WORLD WHERE NOTHING IS GOOD OR EVIL, I WILL NOT ALLOW MY DAUGHTER TO MARRY SATAN HIMSELF!
NEWLYWEDS? ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT?
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YES, SIR.
SWEET
LINE UP OVER THERE.
LET'S BEGIN.
.....
AND PERFECT YOUR SOUL, RATHER THAN BODY
YOU ARE TO KEEP THE SKILLS YOU LEARN SACRO-SANT...
UNDER-STOOD?
YEAH!
IT IS MORE A MEANS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART AND SOUL THAN PERFECT YOUR TECHNIQUES
NOW LET ME SAY SOME-THING FIRST. "BUDO" MEANS TO MASTER THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR.

YOU HAVEN'T TAUGHT THEM ABOUT STANCES OR POSTURE OR ANYTHING YET!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
MMM?
W...
WAIT, HOLD ON!
LET US SPAR!
THEN COME!
HUH?
YOU DON'T START OFF WITH THAT! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
WHY, I WAS JUST THINKING OF STARTING OFF WITH A BIT OF SPARRING, THAT'S ALL...
VERY WELL..
GRRR
TEACH THEM ABOUT THE BASICS FIRST.
LOOK, NEITHER OF THEM HAVE ANY MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE!

FIRST IS THE THRUST.
AS YOU STEP FORWARD, EXTEND YOUR FIST ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE LEG YOU USE.
WE ALSO CALL THIS THE STRAIGHT THRUST.
NEXT IS THE OPPO-SITE THRUST.
EXTEND THE FIST ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE LEG YOU STEP FOR-WARD WITH.
THE ROTATION OF YOUR WAIST GIVES THIS PUNCH EXTRA POWER.
BY THE WAY, IN THIS SCHOOL THEY ARE CALLED
THE KOISO-STYLE STRAIGHT THRUST AND KOISO-STYLE OPPOSITE THRUST.
YOU JUST STUCK YOUR NAME ON THEM.
NOW
COME!
FREE SPARRING!
OH, COME ON!
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YOU CAN'T COMPARE THEM TO YOURSELF! YOUR BUILD AND STRENGTH ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
IF THEY HAVE THE WILL, WHAT I JUST SHOWED THEM IS ENOUGH FOR THEM TO BEAT ME!
THOSE TWO ARE INCORRIGIBLE.
THIS CONVERSATION IS HILARIOUS.
WHAT? I JUST TAUGHT THEM, DIDN'T YOU SEE?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
YOU CALL THAT TEACHING?!
THIS IS SO FRUSTRATING, TO HAVE MY TARGET RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME BUT BEING UNABLE TO STRIKE
GOD, LEAVE ME ALONE...
SHT
I BROUGHT KITANO-KUN HERE, JUST LIKE YOU ASKED.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TEACH THEM, TEACH THEM RIGHT.
.....
LOOK, I'VE DONE ALL KINDS OF FIGHTING BEFORE, THAT STUFF IS TOTALLY...
MAN, THAT IS HELLA ELEMENTARY.
WHAT?
OK.
WELL... GO AHEAD AND TRY THOSE.

DAMN, THAT WAS SCARY!
I ACTUALLY FELT FEAR FOR MY LIFE.
HE ZO'S HELLA SERIOUS ABOUT HIS MARTIAL ARTS.
A-AAAH!
P-PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO DO THEM!
S... SIR!
YOU'D BETTER FOLLOW HIS ORDERS, TOO.
I KNOW THIS IS LAME ELEMENTARY SHIT, JUST GRIN AND BEAR IT.
I DON'T MIND AT ALL...
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
SPAR WITH ME, RYOKO.
YOU HAVEN'T HAD TRAINING IN A WHILE
HUH?!
THIS IS SO WEIRD,
SEEING KITANO-KUN PRACTICING MARTIAL ARTS IN MY DOJO. .

GRR...
IF YOU DON'T USE THOSE MUSCLES YOU'VE TONED, THEY'LL TURN TO FAT.
BESIDES, HAVEN'T YOU BEEN PUTTING ON A LITTLE WEIGHT?
W-WHY ME...?
THOSE BOYS ARE HERE TODAY..
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN DOING MUCH TRAINING LATELY.
SHOWING THEM MY STYLE IN ACTION IS ALSO A PART OF THE R SCHOOLING.
OOH.
KOISO FATHER/ DAUGHTER SHOWDOWN. THIS SHOULD BE GOOD.
HERE WE GO.
WE'LL START SLOW-Y...
UM... OK.
A-ARE THEY GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY.
THEY'RE FAMILY.

DOYAAA !!
AAAH!
DOERYAAAAA!!
MAN, HEIZO TOTALLY GOES ALL-OUT!
AWESOME!
YOU SAID "SLOWLY"...
BUT THIS IS FULL SPEED!!
W-WHAT IS THIS?!

AH...
AH.
.....
UNG!
HMPH!
HAAH!
HUH ...?
PLAT
HAH!

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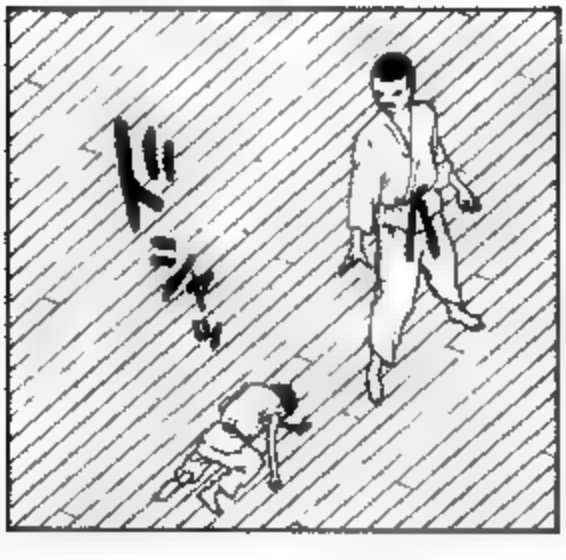
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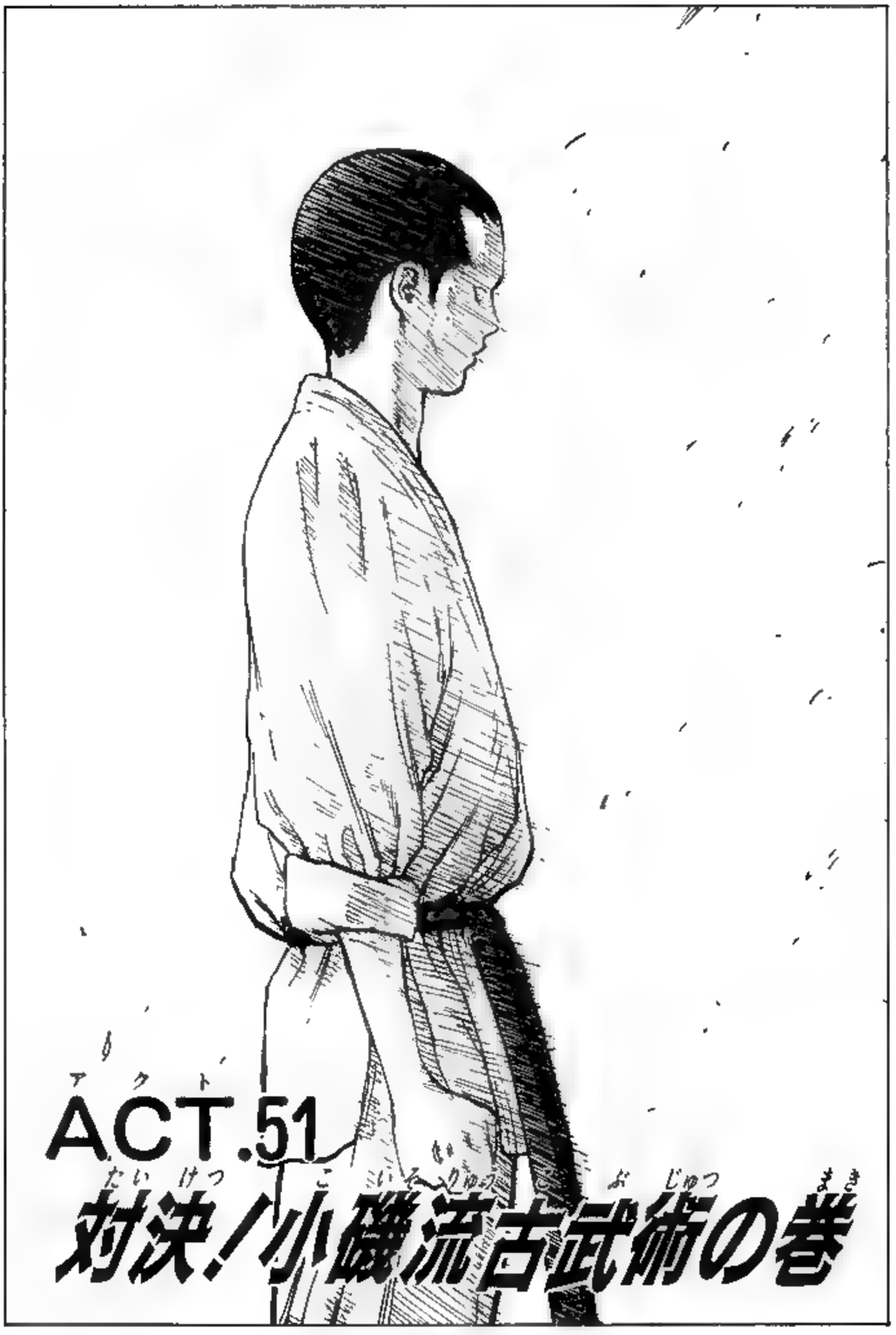
IT LEAVES THE IMPACT WITHIN THE OPPONENT'S BODY AND RENDERS THEM HELPLESS.
AN INSTANTANEOUS BLOW WITH THE HAND ALREADY TOUCHING THE CHEST.
WAS THAT?!
WHOA, WHAT THE HELL
HE SUNK HER BATTLESHIP IN ONE SHOT!!
GIVE YOU THE ATTENTION YOU DESERVE.
I CAN FINALLY...
NOW THAT THE NOISY ONE IS OUT OF THE PICTURE FOR A WHILE...
WELL
HUH?
HUH?

# ACT.51 - Showdown! Koiso-style Kobujutsu



# ACT.51
# 対決！小磯流古武術の巻

RYOKO!
HEY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
RYOKO!
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SHE'S ONLY UNCONSCIOUS; SHE'LL WAKE UP SOONER OR LATER.
NO NEED TO WORRY.
OH.
YEAH.
CAN YOU FEEL HER BREATHING?
PUT YOUR HAND OVER HER MOUTH.
WHAT ?!
!
SHE'S GOT NO PULSE!
OH MY GOD!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! WHY WOULD I BRING MY OWN DAUGHTER TO THE BRINK OF DEATH?!
THAT WAS INSANE, HE ZO.
WHEN YOU PUT THE ROBES ON, YOU'RE LIKE A BEAST. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D USE A MOVE THAT WOULD ALMOST KILL YOUR OWN DAUGHTER.
IT SCARED YOU?
NOT HALF AS MUCH AS ME
THE PULSE ISN'T A GOOD METHOD OF CHECK NG UNLESS YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO DO IT.
THAT WAS SCARY.
I THOUGHT RYOKO WAS DEAD FOR A SECOND.
IT'S MUCH SAFER THAN JUST HITTING SOMEONE.
IT'S TRUE, I SWEAR!
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ALLOW ME TO INFORM YOU THAT THE TECHNIQUE I JUST PERFORMED WAS DEVELOPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TEMPORARILY DISABLING YOUR OPPONENT.
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
SHE HAS TO TAKE PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE INTO ACCOUNT.
I'M SURE SHE'LL UNDERSTAND.
I DIDN'T ALMOST KILL HER, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU!
I UNDERSTAND, MAN. YOU DAUGHTER WOULDN'T SHUT UP, SO YOU WENT A LITTLE OVERBOARD AND ALMOST KILLED HER, THAT'S ALL.
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HNN?
I-IS RYOKO-CHAN ALL RIGHT?
KITANO-KUN.
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SO IT MIGHT HAVE LEFT SOME ILL EFFECTS.
IT'S A TECHNIQUE THAT DAMAGES THE HEART DIRECTLY.
OH DEAR..
EH?
BUT SHE HASN'T BUDGED AN INCH.
WELL, SHE'S BREATHING.
HUH?!
THAT WAS SOME MOVE HE PULLED.
I THINK SHE'LL BE FINE; HER HEART IS BEATING.
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DUNG
DUNG
DUNG
TAKE A LISTEN WITH YOUR OWN EARS.
HERE.
R... REALLY?!
HUH?
AH..
UMM
KITANO-KUN.
THANK GOODNESS! I GUESS SHE'LL BE FINE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S BEATING!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO ME...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
S-SORRY!
AAH!!

HUH?
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!
WE KNOW YOU WERE ONLY WORRIED ABOUT HER..
IT'S OK.
AND I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD MIND IF YOU DID THAT...
I'LL GO FIRST.
LET'S GET STARTED, HEIZO.
.....
HEIZO!!
LET'S GO!
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THIS KIND OF SPARRING IS EXACTLY WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR.
LET ME WARN YOU, I'VE HAD MY FAIR SHARE OF TRAINING BEFORE.

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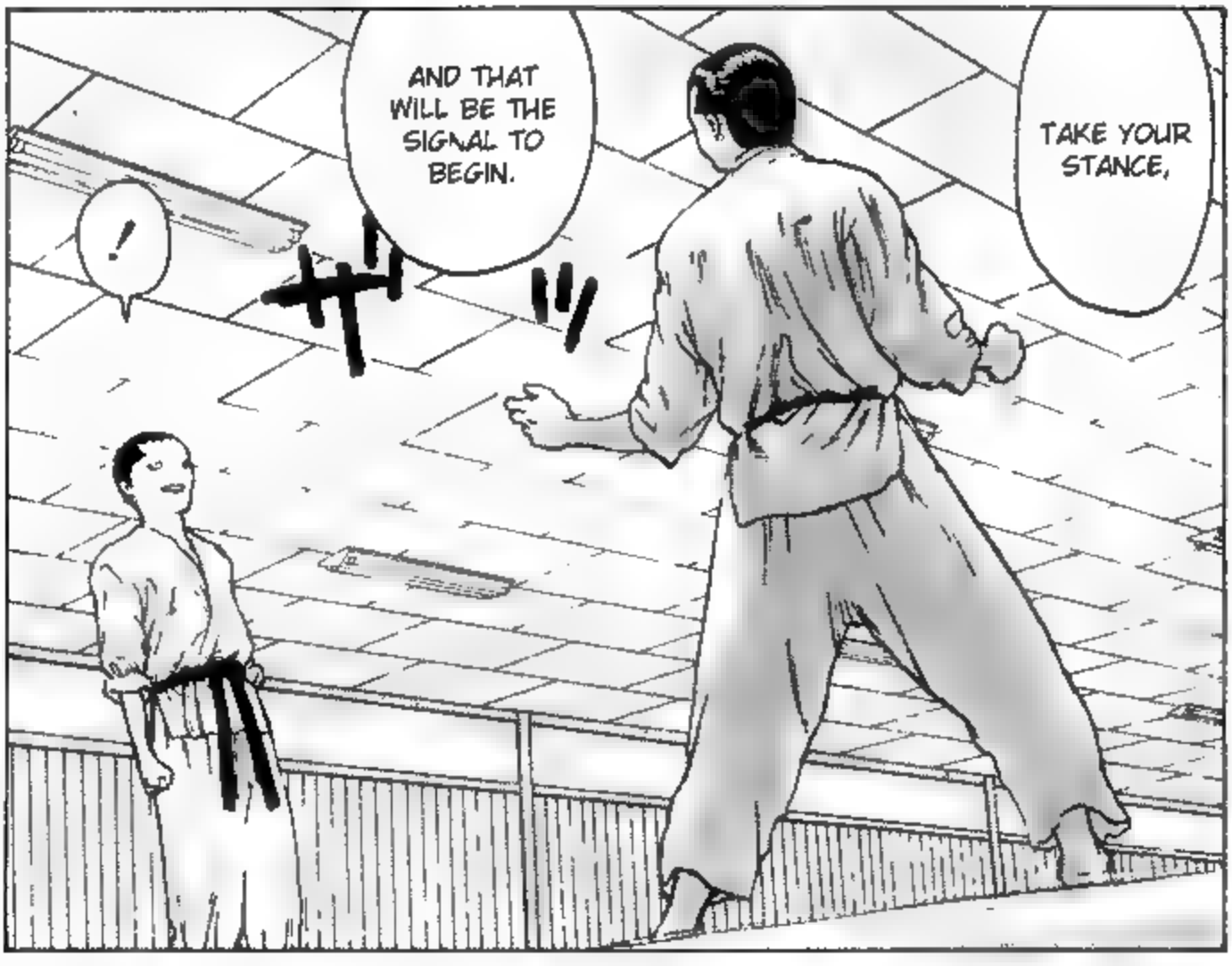
!
KYAA!
GA...

NOW...
OGISU-KUN!
OGISU-KUN!
THAT CERTAINLY CAUSED MORE DAMAGE THAN THE OTHER ONE.
OHO. IT LOOKS LIKE HEIZO WAS RIGHT.
ALL OF THE OBSTACLES ARE OUT OF THE WAY...

AND BE SENT BACK TO HELL, FOUL MONSTROSITY...
COME ...

HUH?
HE IS A MASTER, AFTER ALL.
HE ZO HAD ALREADY SEEN THROUGH THE EXTERIOR TO SEIICHIRO'S INNATE SENSE FOR MARTIAL ARTS.
TH...
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
WHOA.
HE WAS AFTER SEIICHIRO...
UH...
UH ...
YOU SAID THE SAME THING EARLIER, AND LOOK AT RYOKO NOW!
DON'T WORRY.
HEIZO IS A FATHER. HE WON'T GO TOO CRAZY.
WHY?
IT LOOKS FUN TO ME.
SOMETHING BAD IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN...
WE HAVE TO STOP THEM!


AND THAT WILL BE THE SIGNAL TO BEGIN.
TAKE YOUR STANCE,
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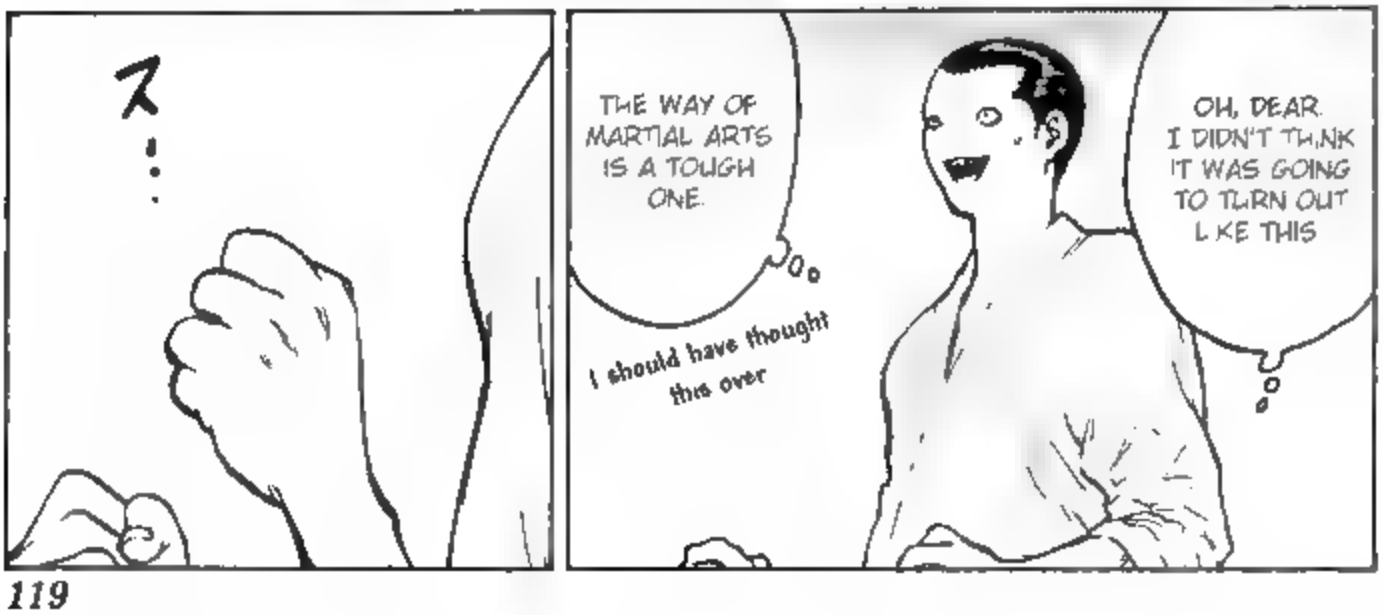
THIS IS THE VERY FIRST STEP OF MARTIAL ARTS DECORUM.
I WILL NOT HAVE YOU DISRESPECT IT
HURRY UP.
UMM...
HUH?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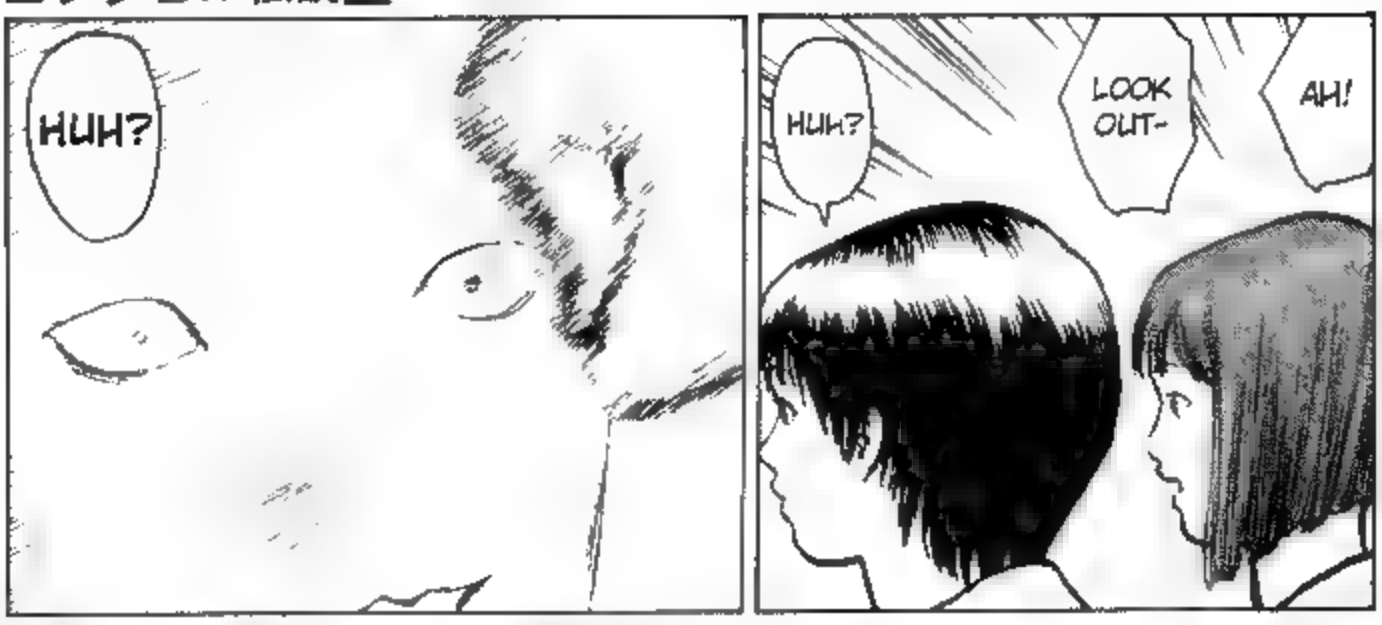
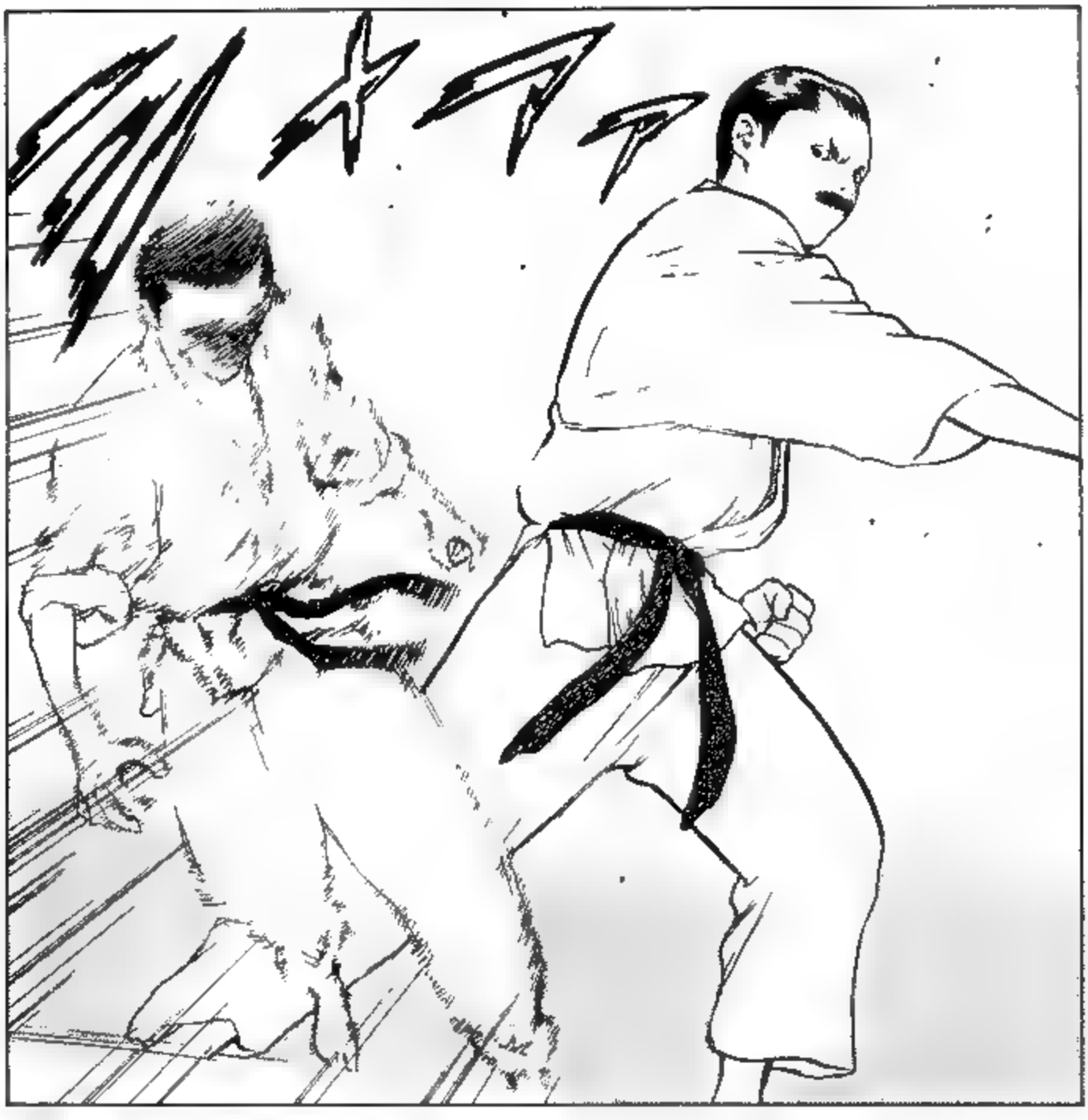
THE WAY OF MARTIAL ARTS IS A TOUGH ONE.
I should have thought this over
OH, DEAR. I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS GOING TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS

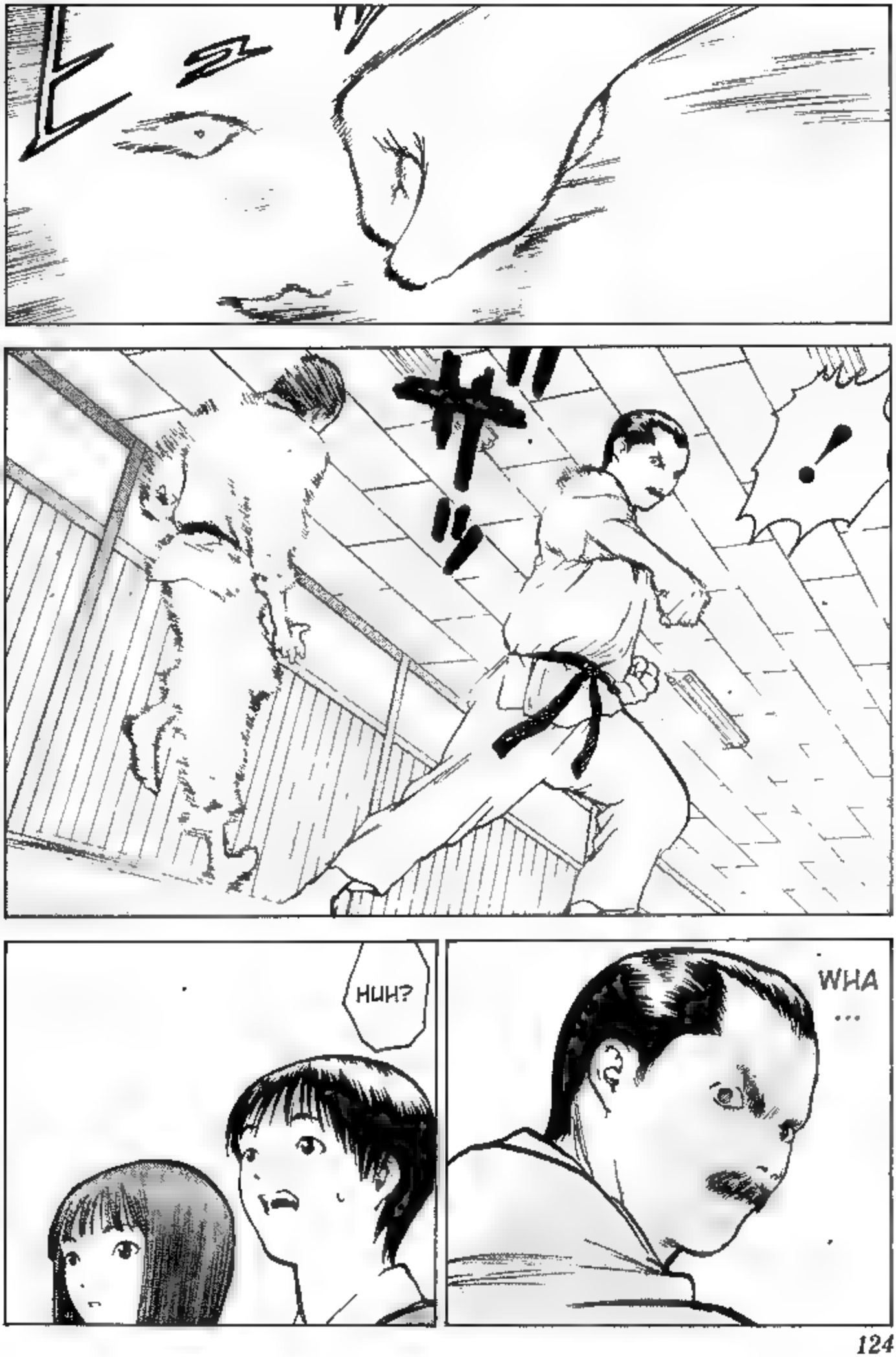

HUH?
HUH?
LOOK OUT-
AH!



HE DEFLECTED IT..
HUH?!

KITANO-KUN!
K...

HEYA !!
NNNGG...
DAAH!
HA!


HUH?
WHA
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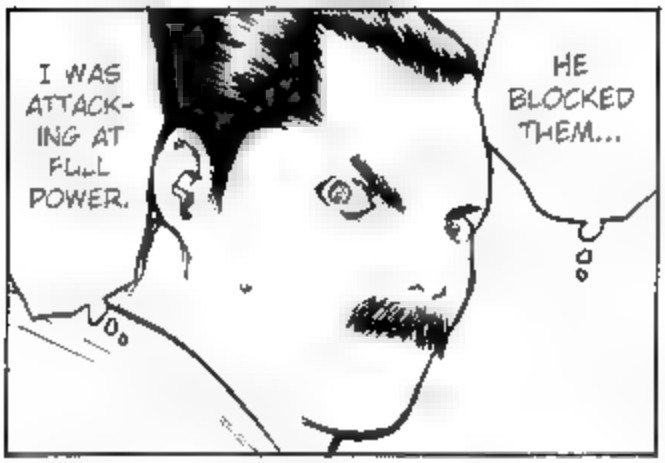
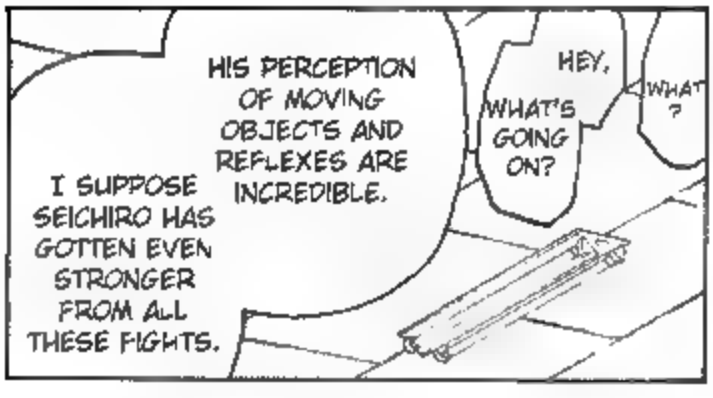

I WAS ATTACKING AT FULL POWER.
HE BLOCKED THEM...

THAT WAS SO SUDDEN.
WHAT A SURPRISE ...
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HIT ME...

I WAS CONFIDENT THAT I COULD CRUSH ANY NORMAL DEMON WITH MY FISTS...
THIS IS NO NORMAL DEMON.


I SUPPOSE SEICHIRO HAS GOTTEN EVEN STRONGER FROM ALL THESE FIGHTS.
HIS PERCEPTION OF MOVING OBJECTS AND REFLEXES ARE INCREDIBLE.
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT?

HE NEVER EVEN TOUCHED HIM.
IMPRESSIVE.
HUH?
HUH?

UM...
UH...
EXCUSE ME, I .

SURELY HE WAS SUMMONED BY A HIGH-LEVEL SORCERER...
UNBELIEVABLE. I NEVER THOUGHT SUCH FOUL HELLSPAWN COULD EXIST IN OUR WORLD...

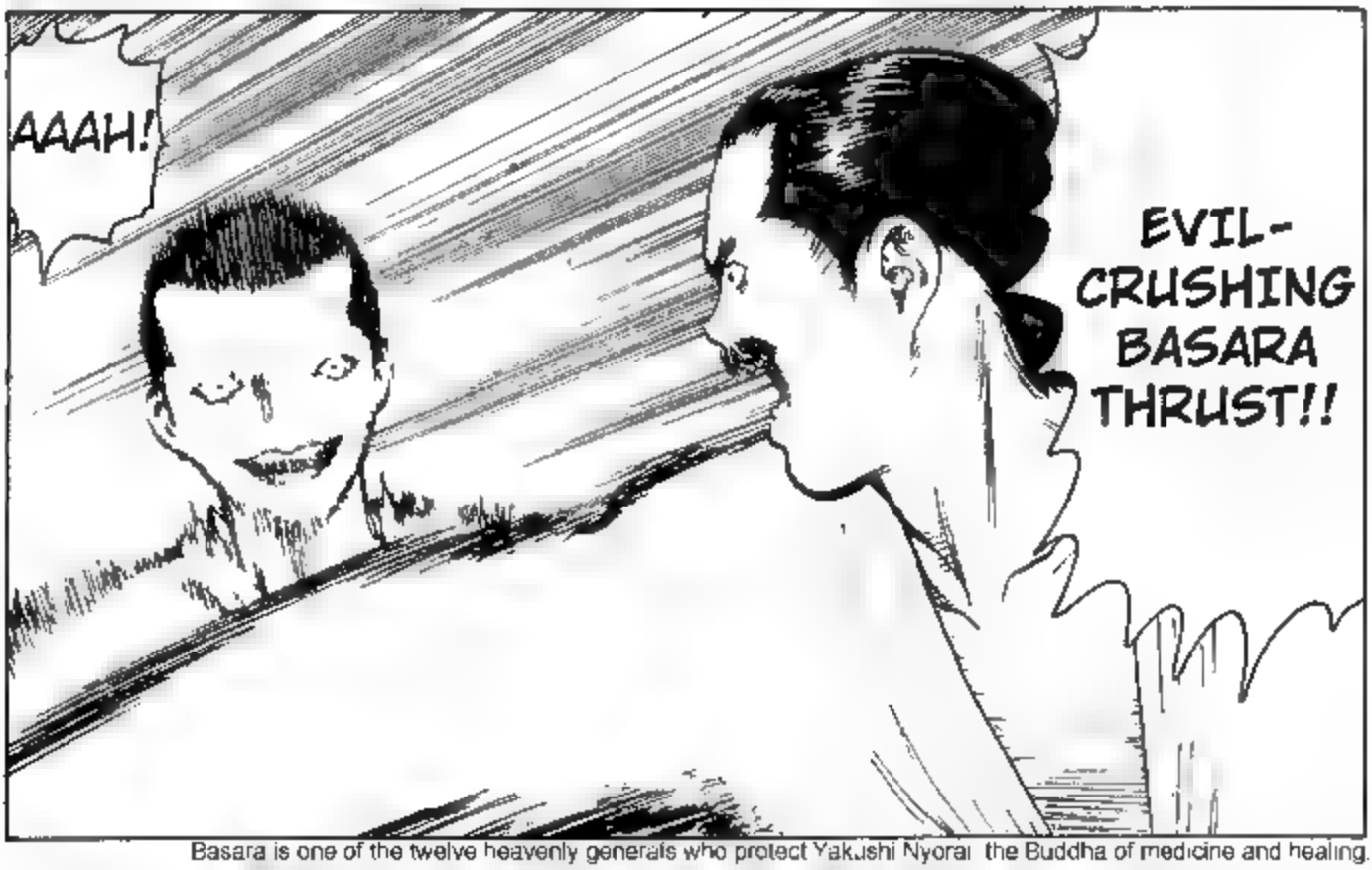
NNGAA!!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
HAAH!
DAAH!
AAAH!
Oh! hmm, a backhand

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF DEMONIC POWERS YOU HOLD!
YOU SHALL NOT DEFEAT ME!
WAIT!
I-I'M SORRY ...
W...
I...
FOR THE SAKE OF MY DAUGHTER... FOR THE SAKE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD!
I SHALL OVERCOME!
I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS...
UMMM.
KOISO-STYLE KOBU-JUTSU SECRET TECH-NIQUE ...
RAAAHH...
AAGH ..
OWW ...
!!

DEMON SLAYER DESTRUC-TION FIST!!

I FELT THAT ONE LAND!!
OH!
KITANO-KUN!
K...
NNG!

GRRR...
T-THAT WAS SCARY...
IT EVEN RIPPED UP THE ROBE...
OH...
OOOH...
DOES THAT TECHNIQUE REALLY EXIST...?
OF COURSE NOT. HEIZO'S JUST TALKING OUT OF HIS ASS.
YOU AVOIDED MY KOISO-STYLE KOBUJUTSU SECRET TECHNIQUE DEMON SLAYER DESTRUCTION FIST...
YOU ARE INDEED A MIGHTY DEMON,
CURSE YOU...
HUH?




Basara is one of the twelve heavenly generals who protect Yakushi Nyorai the Buddha of medicine and healing.

HALLELUJAH
I-IT'S START-ING TO SOUND LIKE A MIX OF EASTERN AND WESTERN RELIGION...
AND HIS MOVES NO LONGER RESEMBLE HIS KOBUJUTSU
Heizo seems to have jumped his tracks
SMASH!!
!
!!
ACK
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OOPS.
OOPS.

I...
I'M SORRY...
I TRIPPED
にたり
A PALM TO THE FACE TO COUNTER HIS SMASH.
UH...
UH...
THAT'S HIGH-LEVEL STUFF.
AAAAH!
CURSE YOU, DEMON!!
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!

WAH!
WAH!
!
DAAA!
GUH...
AGH...
GAAH!
A...
AAAH!
!!
HAAAAAA!

CRACK
EEP!

GOSH, YOU'RE JUST SO...
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TRYING TO DO?!

DON'T USE YOUR SECRET TECHNIQUES ON YOUR OWN DAUGHTER!! I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE!!
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?!

OH.
UH,
FATHER...?
UH, HELLO?
にたり
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.....
UMM ...
FATHER, LISTEN ...
UMM ...
WELL
EVEN HEIZO THE MIGHTY CANNOT WITH-STAND IT'S TERRORS.
A SPECTACULAR COMBINATION ATTACK.
GET UP, PULL IT TOGETHER!
FATHER!
I'M SO SORRY, SIR!!

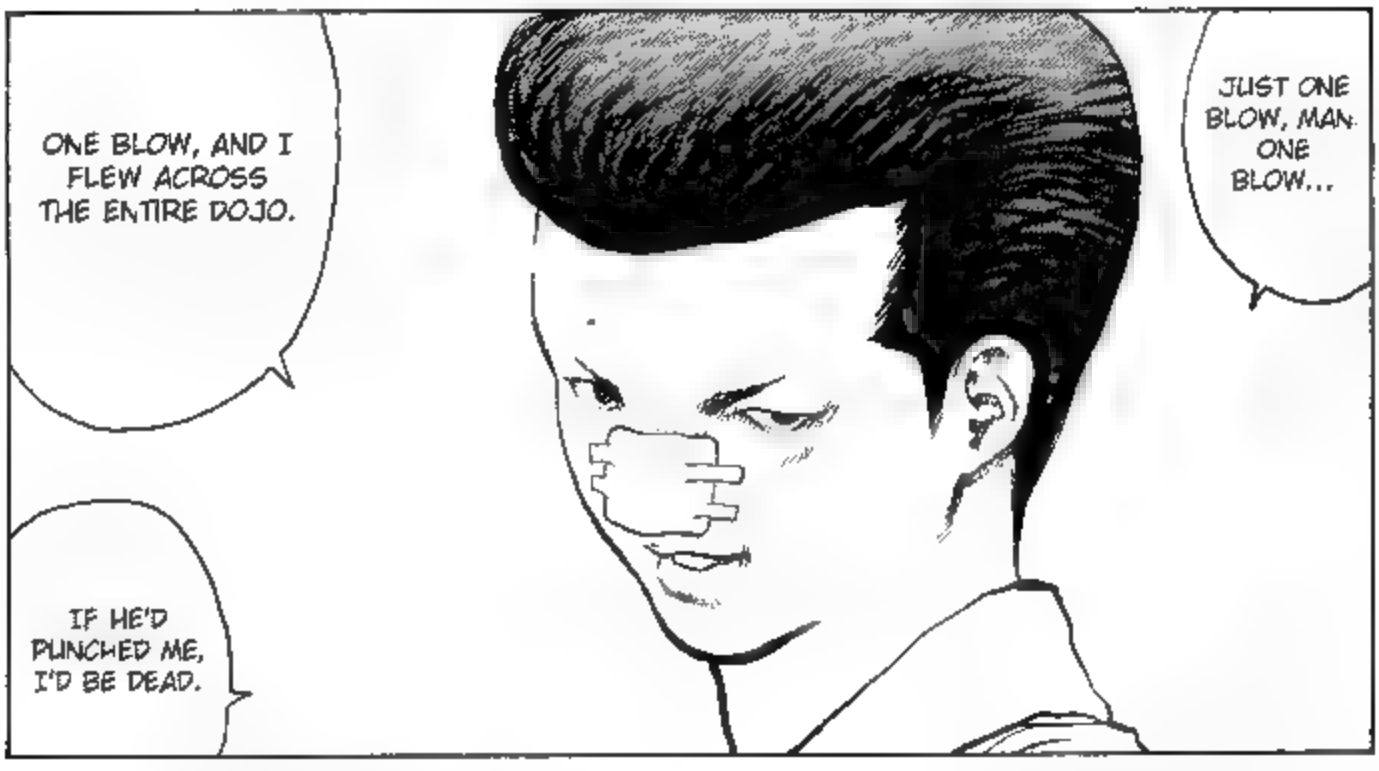
# ACT.52 - Kuroda's Beautiful Sunday

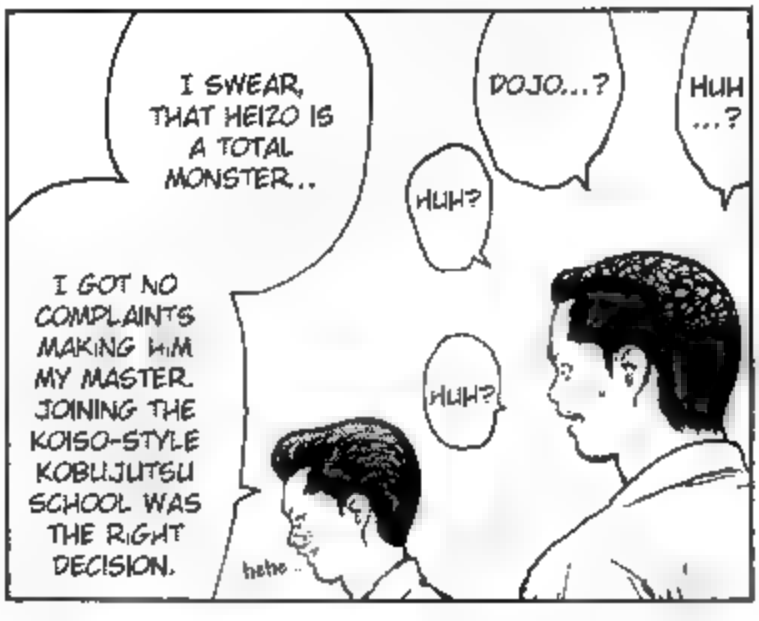
# ACT.52

# 黒田の美しき日曜日の巻

W...
WAAAAH!!
GOHEH!!
YO.
WHAT'S UP, HOSS?
UGH.
DID THAT ACC-BROWN BITCH GET YOU AGAIN? SERIOUSLY, MAN, YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS..
S-SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU..?
THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
UH...
SORRY, SORRY YOU JUST LOOKED SO TERRIBLE...
W... WHAT THE FUCK WAS THAT FOR?!
GOD, YOU KICKED ME HARD!
I COULD NOT HELP IT

ONE GOOD HIT FROM HEIZO TURNED ME INTO THIS.
IT WAS HEIZO.
WHEN SHE BEATS ME, I DON'T END UP LOOKING LIKE THIS.
BROWN-HAIR GIRL'S FAST, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO STRENGTH, I'VE GOT THE EDGE.
T-THEN ..
HE...
SERIOUSLY, THAT GUY IS SO TOUGH.
I ATTACKED HIM FIRST, AND HE JUST SMASHES ME WITH A PALM COUNTER TO THE FACE, WITHOUT EVEN TURNING HIS HEAD.
HUH?
B-BUT, WHY-
HOW MANY HEIZOS DO YOU KNOW?
KOISO RYOKO'S DAD, HEIZO.
YOU MEAN... HEIZO...?


ONE BLOW, AND I FLEW ACROSS THE ENTIRE DOJO.
IF HE'D PUNCHED ME, I'D BE DEAD.
JUST ONE BLOW, MAN. ONE BLOW...


I SWEAR, THAT HEIZO IS A TOTAL MONSTER..
I GOT NO COMPLAINTS MAKING HIM MY MASTER. JOINING THE KOISO-STYLE KOBUJUTSU SCHOOL WAS THE RIGHT DECISION.
DOJO...?
HUH?
HUH...?
HUH?
hehe...

AND WERE DEFEATED MOST SOLIDLY.
YOU SEEM TO BE TRYING TO SAY THAT YOU FOUGHT WITH HEIZO AT HIS DOJO YESTERDAY,
NOW, WHAT WAS THAT?
?
YEAH.

HUH?
LET'S TRY TO GET THIS SORTED OUT A BIT.
W-WAIT A MINUTE, OGISU-KUN.

HMMM.
I SEE...
I HAVE SOME OBJECTIONS TO THIS.
THAT YOU WERE INEVITABLY LOCATED IN THE KOISO KOBUJUTSU DOJO, WHICH IS ALSO THE HOME OF FAIR KOISO RYOKO...
THAT WOULD MEAN,
WELL, IT'S TRUE.
WHO SAID YOU COULD DO THAT? HUH??
AAAAH !!
STOP FEEDING ME BULLSHIT YOU LITTLE PIPSQUEAK!!
YOU HIT ON KOISO RYOKO?! YOU'D DIE, FOOL!
I... I ASKED! I PLEADED AND BEGGED AND HIT ON KOISO RYOKO...
DIE!!!
LISTEN TO ME! HEIZO SAID HE WOULD NEVER ACCEPT ANY STUDENTS!
SO HOW COULD YOU JOIN HIS DOJO? HUH?!
WHA... WHA... WHA...

SO I WENT TO GET LESSONS ALONG WITH NO. 2.
A... AND HEIZO SAID THAT IT WAS OK, AS LONG AS WE BROUGHT ALONG NO. 2 AS WELL...
GYEEEK!
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S... SO...
UMM ...

HRMM.
DIDN'T YOU SEE OGISU'S FACE?
I WOULDN'T CALL THAT PLEASANT.
AAH!
GOD!
THIS IS NO TIME TO ENJOY A NORMAL, BORING DAY...
HOW COULD SUCH A PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE EVENT HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE...?
GRRR...
HUH?
UMM...
HE BETTER NOT HAVE GOTTEN ANOTHER STEP AHEAD OF ME.
HE'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS...
UMM...
THEY WERE TRADING TECHNIQUES BELOW THE SAME ROOF!
IT'S KOISO RYOKO'S HOUSE, YOU FOOL!
HOW CAN I LET THIS GO UNCHALLENGED?!
UMM...
IT'S PROBABLY QUITE EASY...
RAAAAHH!!
CURSES AND HELLFIRE!
AH!
KURODA-SAN!

WHEN HE JUMPED AT ME, I PUT OUT MY ARM TO DODGE, BUT IT ACCIDENTALLY HIT HIM IN THE FACE...
NO, NOT REALLY...
YOU BEAT HEIZO, KITANO-SAN?
WHAT?
HE CRUSHED HE ZO WITHOUT EVEN BEING SERIOUS.
THIS GUY IS INSANE...
I REALLY FEEL BAD ABOUT ALL OF THIS...
AND THEN HE FELL DOWN, AND WOULDN'T GET BACK UP AGAIN...
I WASN'T REALLY TRYING TO FIGHT WITH HIM...
BUT BY DOING THAT, SHE WILL BE SADDENED...
EVEN KITANO-SAN S TROUBLED BY THE EQUATIONS OF LOVE...
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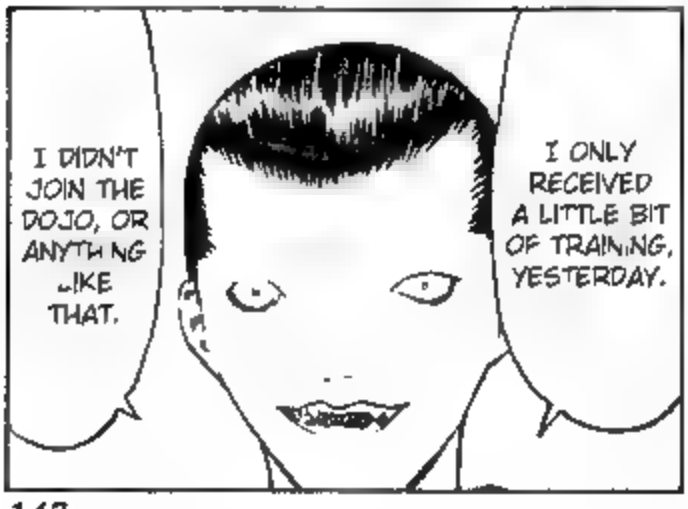
HE MUST DEFEAT THE FATHER TO GAIN THE DAUGHTER ...
YEP YEP
AND NOW I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FACE RYOKO TODAY...
UH-HUH...

AAAH!
!
KITANO-SAN!!

OGISU WAS TOTALLY FEEDING ME SOME CRAP ABOUT HOW YOU GUYS TRAINED TOGETHER YESTERDAY...
HUH?

WHAT THE FUCK..
WH ...
IS IT TRUE, KITANO-SAN?!
HAVE YOU REALLY JOINED HEIZO'S DOJO?!

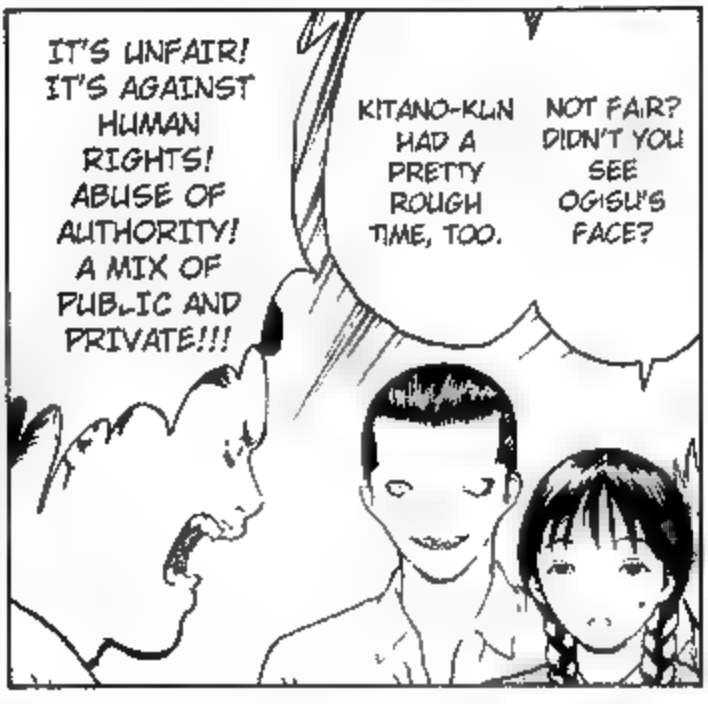

I DIDN'T JOIN THE DOJO, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
I ONLY RECEIVED A LITTLE BIT OF TRAINING, YESTERDAY.

HEIZO TOLD ME THAT THE KOISO SCHOOL NEVER TOOK ON ANY KIND OF STUDENTS!
BUT THAT'S WEIRD THAT YOU EVEN TAGGED ALONG!
I JUST TAGGED ALONG YESTERDAY, THAT'S ALL...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT OGISU-KUN'S SITUATION.
B-BUT OGISU SAID THAT YOU JOINED...
YOU JUST "TAGGED ALONG," AND YOU BEAT HEIZO?
OH!
GRRRR.
IT'S BIZARRE!
IT'S A FUNDA-MENTAL VIOLA-TION OF HUMAN RIGHTS!
ISN'T THAT STRANGE?!
W... WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHY HE...
GRRHH!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
HEYYY! KOISO RYOKO!
!
!

!
HE SAID THE KOISO-STYLE KOBUJUTSU NEVER ACCEPTED DISCIPLES!
SO WHY WOULD KITANO-SAN AND OGISU RECEIVE TRAINING?! THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
W... WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HE TOLD US! HE SAID IT WAS POINTLESS TO TRY AND LEARN THE STYLE!
IT WAS JUST TRAINING ...
TH... THEY DIDN'T GET TAKEN IN AS STUDENTS ...
DON'T IGNORE ME.
LET'S GO.
KITANO-KUN, I'M GOING HOME NOW.
OH!
THAT'S JUST CRAZY TALK! IT'S MADNESS!
IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LEARN, THEN YOU CAN'T DO ANY TRAINING, RIGHT?
HUH?!

I WANT TO LEARN KOISO-STYLE KOBUJUTSU, TOO!
IT'S NOT FAIR IF ONLY KITANO-SAN GETS TO DO IT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT? SERIOUSLY.
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

UHHH...
THAT'S CHEAP, TO ONLY LET HIM COME!
YOU KNOW I WANT TO GO TO YOUR HOUSE, I JUST HOLD IT IN ALL THE TIME!


IT'S UNFAIR! IT'S AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS! ABUSE OF AUTHORITY! A MIX OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE!!!
KITANO-KUN HAD A PRETTY ROUGH TIME, TOO.
NOT FAIR? DIDN'T YOU SEE OGISU'S FACE?

sigh...

UH... I MEAN... I DON'T WANT TO DO IT JUST BECAUSE IT MEANS I'LL BE IN YOUR HOUSE!
I HAVE THE PURE HEART OF A YOUNG BOY WHO YEARNS ONLY FOR STRENGTH...

S... SUNDAY ...?
OGISU'S BUGGING ME ABOUT IT AGAIN, ANYWAY.
AND MY DAD CAN'T KEEP BOTHERING WITH YOU GUYS EVERY TIME YOU WANT...
HUH?
I'LL TALK TO MY FATHER. HOW ABOUT SUNDAY?
ALL RIGHT...
SO?
HE'LL PROBABLY FACE THE TWO OF YOU ON A SUNDAY...
IT'S TRUE! THAT BETTER BE TRUE! I'LL BE THERE!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY AFTERWARDS, I'M GONNA BE AT YOUR HOUSE ON SUNDAY!
YOU BEST REMEMBER THAT!
I KNOW, I JUST SAID YOU COULD.
sheesh
HUH?!
N... NO, NO.
IT'S FINE. PERFECTLY FINE.
IF YOU CAN'T, THEN TOO BAD..

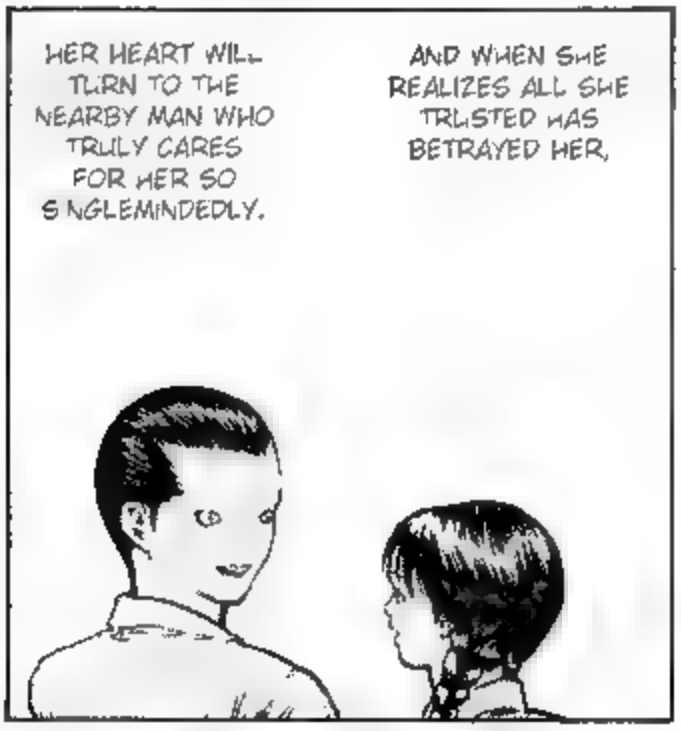
IT SOUNDS SO NICE. HAVE I EVER HAD SUCH A GLORIOUS SUNDAY TO LOOK FORWARD TO?
KOISO RYOKO'S HOUSE ON SUNDAY, A GIRL'S HOUSE ON SUNDAY... G RL'S HOUSE ON SUNDAY...
THIS IS WHAT THEY MEANT BY "IT'S A BEAUTIFUL SUNDAY."
HUH?
OH ...
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK DOWN...
!
W... WHAT? WHY?
HE'S THE ONE WHO STARTED IT!
AND THAT ONLY HAPPENED BECAUSE I GRABBED HIS LEGS AND THREW HIM.
AND WHAT I DID TO YOUR DAD...
I JUST FEEL BAD ABOUT YESTERDAY...
!

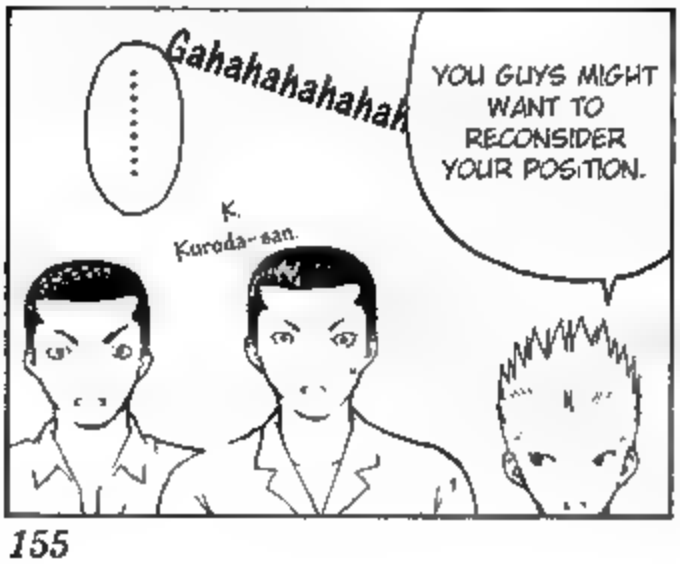
.....
IT WAS MY ELBOW...
BUT STIL...
THAT HURT HIM..
HUH?
IT WASN'T COMPLETELY YOUR FAULT...
WELL... BUCK UP
OK ...?
WHAT?!
K... KITANO-SAN BEAT HEIZO?
YEAH.
IN ONE BLOW
SOUNDS LIKE HE DID.
AND HE LAID OUT HEIZO WITH ONE BLOW
KITANO-SAN APPEARS UNHURT. HE DIDN'T FIGHT HEIZO, DID HE?
SAY, TAKEHISA-KUN.

HE WAS ONLY TAGGING ALONG, ANYWAYS ..
I GUESS HE WAS NEVER A MATCH FOR KITANO-SAN.
H-HE JUST... PUT UP HIS HAND...
.....
MAN, KITANO-SAN IS AMAZING.
HE WASN'T EVEN REALLY INTO IT, BUT THEN HEIZO RUSHED AT HIM, SO HE PUT UP HIS HAND AND THE GUY JUST COLLAPSED.
I CAN SEE WHY HE'D GET DEPRESSED.
STILL, IT BASICALLY MEANS THAT KITANO-SAN BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF H S GIRLFRIEND'S DAD.
THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE GREAT TRUTHS IN LIFE...
SO JUST BEING STRONGER THAN ANYTHING ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.
AHAAA..
IT BEATS BEING WEAKER THAN ANYTHING, LIKE YOU.

SHE'LL BEGIN TO FEEL CONSTERNATION TOWARDS KITANO-SAN FOR CRUSHING HER FATHER...
SOON, THAT WILL TURN INTO GREAT M.SGIVING.
BWAHAHA. THIS COULD BE MY CHANCE.

VICTORY IS MINE!!!
YESSSS!
AAH!


HER HEART WILL TURN TO THE NEARBY MAN WHO TRULY CARES FOR HER SO SINGLEMINDEDLY.
AND WHEN SHE REALIZES ALL SHE TRUSTED HAS BETRAYED HER,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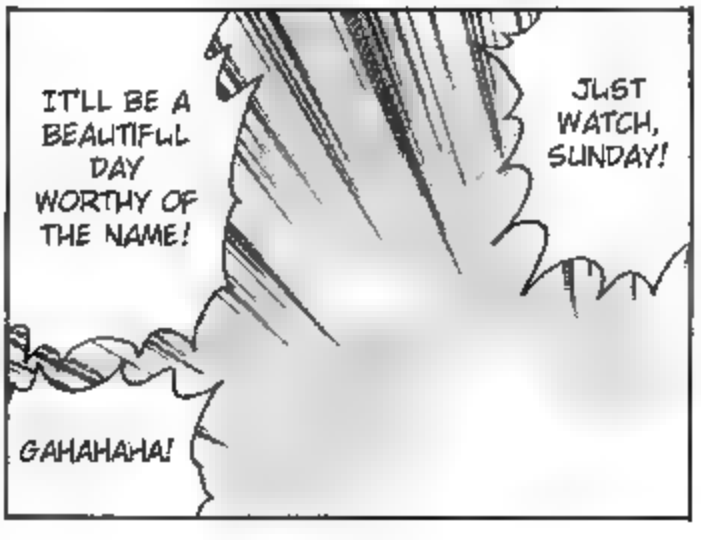
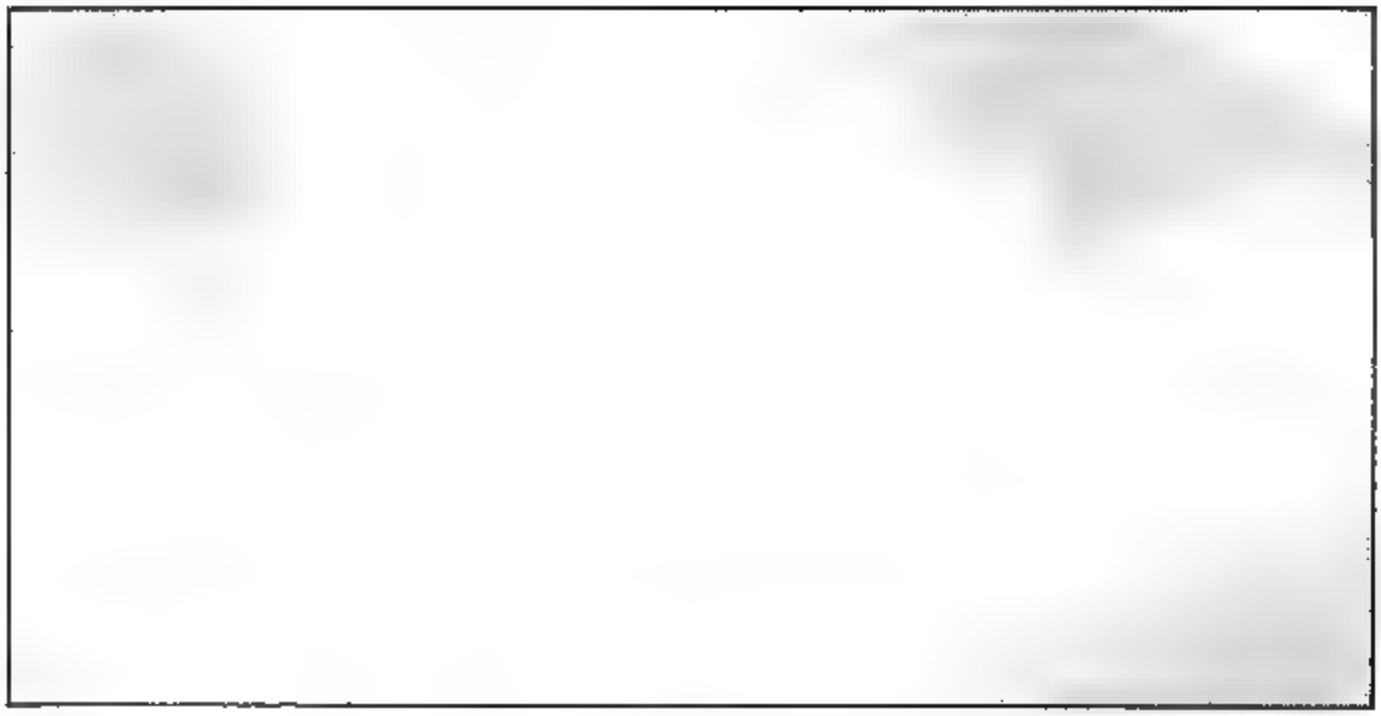
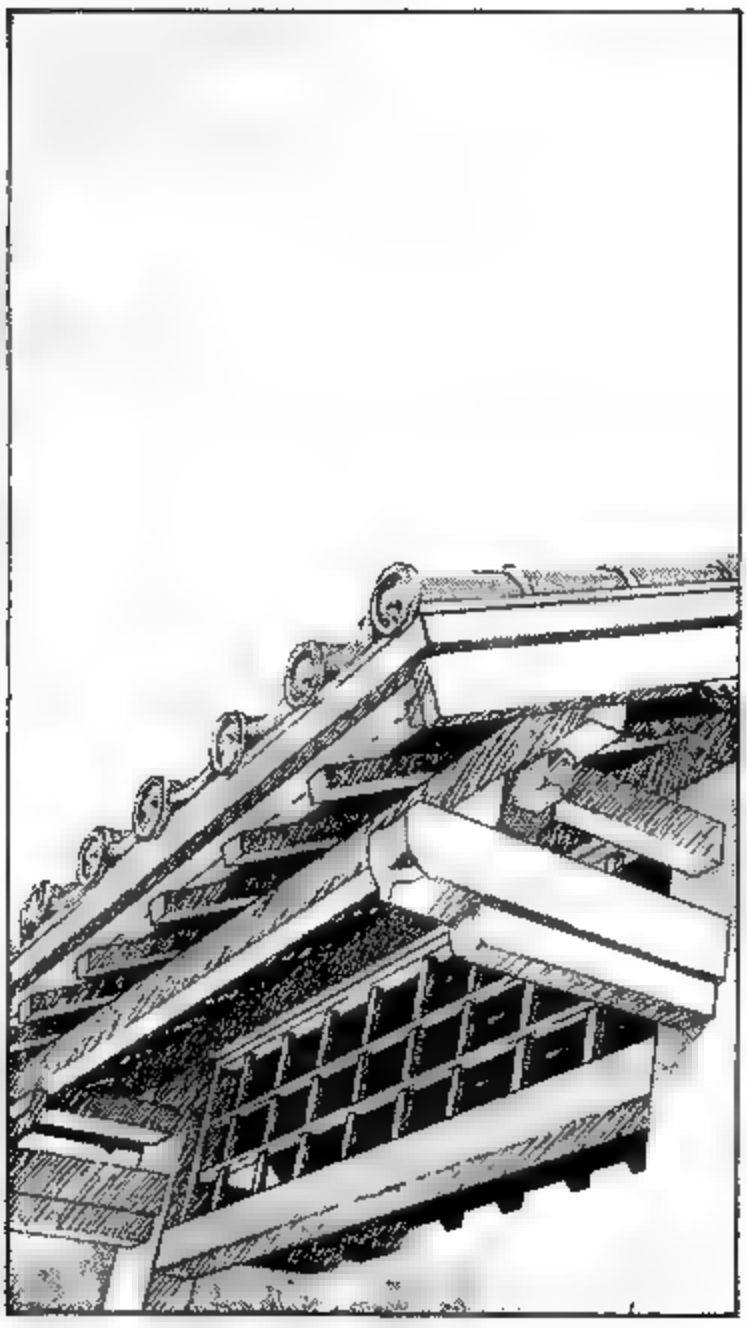
.....
K. Kuroda-san.
YOU GUYS MIGHT WANT TO RECONSIDER YOUR POSITION.


IT'LL BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY WORTHY OF THE NAME!
JUST WATCH, SUNDAY!
GAHAHAHA!





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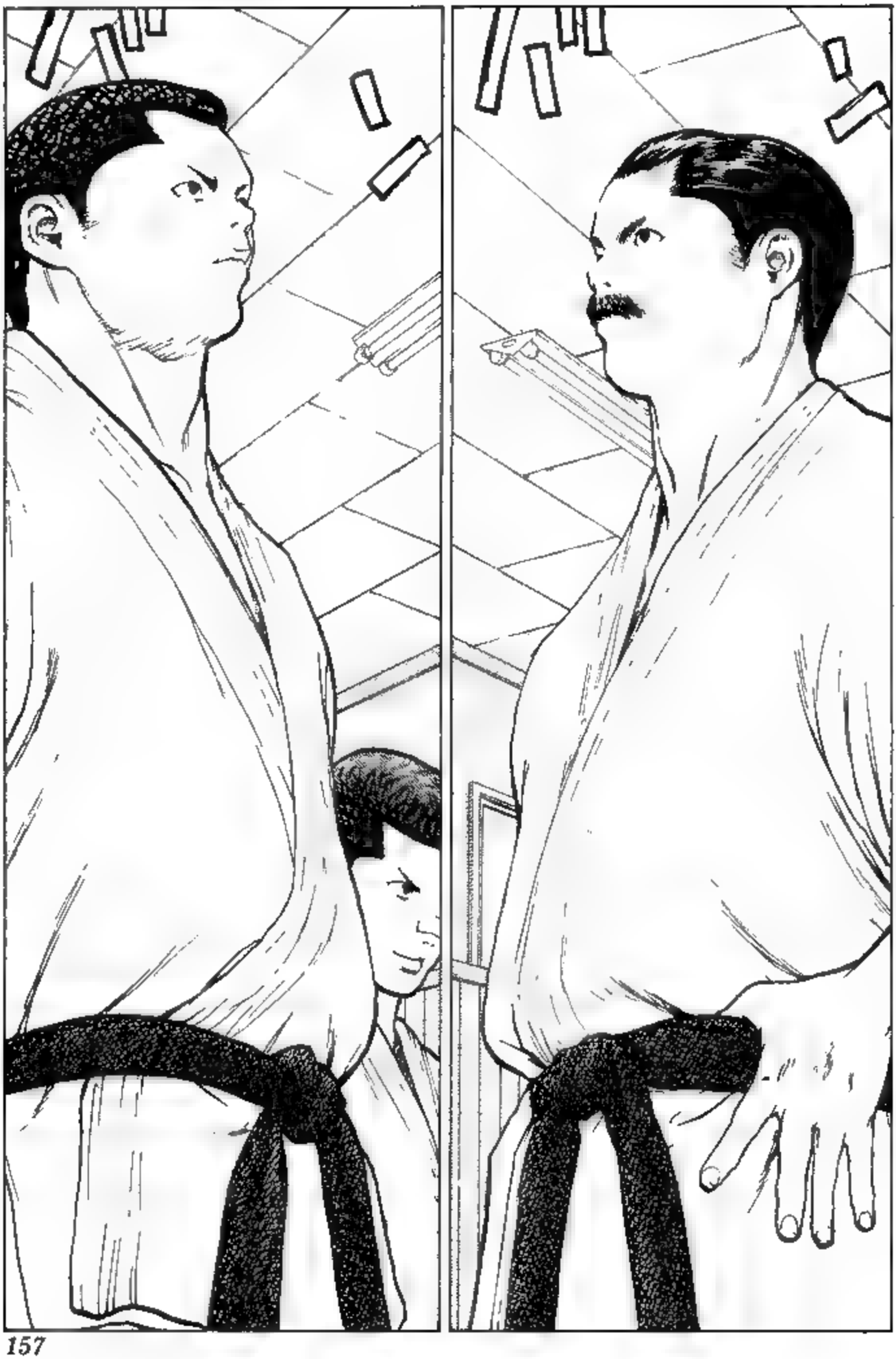

CURSES
YOU RAN AWAY, DEVIL..
IT WAS JUST THAT ONE DAY...
YEAH, HE WASN'T REALLY INTERESTED ANYWAY...
THAT KITANO BOY ISN'T HERE, TODAY?
HM. WHAT'S THIS?
!
GRR...
EAH, IT HEARD IT WAS IN AN INSTANT.
DID NO. 2 REALLY BEAT HEIZO LAST TIME?
THAT DEMON.
YEAH, LIKE HE JUST STOPPED BY TO KICK YOUR ASS AND LEAVE.
THEY SAID HE BEAT YOU IN ONE BLOW WITHOUT EVEN TRYING.
LISTEN TO ME.
AHEM. BOYS...
HOW EXACTLY WAS OUR FIGHT DESCRIBED TO YOU?

COME, LET US SPAR.
WELL, NO USE WORRYING ABOUT AN ABSENTEE.
HUH?

OH WELL, NO NEED TO RUSH WE'RE STILL UNDER THE SAME ROOF.
AND YET I DO NOT SEE FAR KOISO RYOKO
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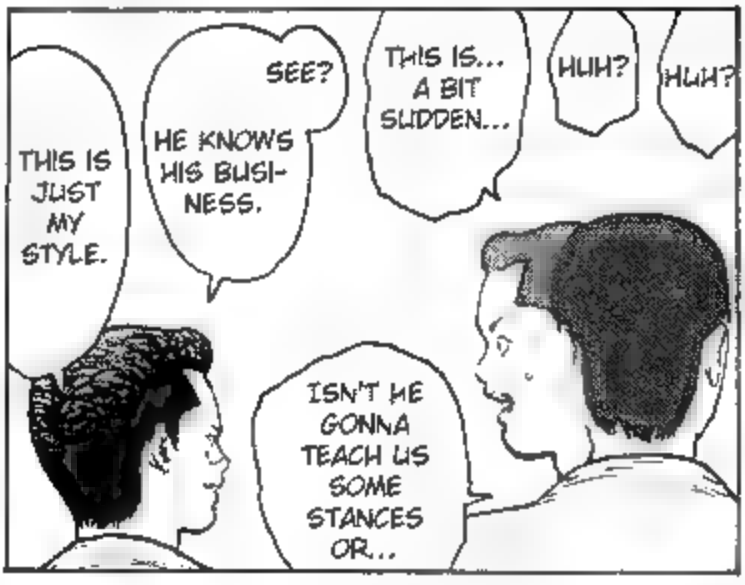
IT'S LIKE, JUST BRING IT, HARD AND FAST. HELLA FAST.
STANCES CAN GO EAT SHIT.


THIS IS JUST MY STYLE.
SEE? HE KNOWS HIS BUSINESS.
THIS IS... A BIT SUDDEN...
HUH?
HUH?
ISN'T HE GONNA TEACH US SOME STANCES OR...

LET'S GO, HEIZO!
YOU LEARN ABOUT FIGHTS THROUGH RAW EXPERIENCE!
AH!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I KNOW YOU DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT THAT ETHER, MIGHTY GUARDIAN.
S... STILL, I WANT TO LEARN THE BASICS...
UH, BUT ..

UH.
GEFH!
UH.
UH...
NG...
GUHHH ...
O...
OGISU ...

WAAH!!
GEHOH!!

NGAAAAAA!!

THAT'S JUST LIKE A MAN WHO WOULD KILL HIS OWN DAUGHTER.
HEHEHE... YOU'RE DAMN MERCILESS, HEIZO.
UH...
OGISU-KUN...
UH...

UH... SORRY.
J-JESUS, WHAT WAS THAT?
THE FINISHING BLOW?!
Y-YOU JUST LOOKED KINDA TERRIFYING...

AH!
LET'S GO, HEIZO!
ORAAA!

WHOA!
GHHERK!
AH...
AH...
UM...
AH...
THAT'S HOW I LIKE IT! HELL YEAH! OTHERWISE IT'S LIKE, WHY BOTHER?
HEHEHE ... DAMN, YOU'RE GOOD!
OGISU-KUN...?
HEH HEH...
.....
UH...
HEIZO!
C'MON!

NOW...
O... OGISU.
OGISU.
H... HEY.
ARE YOU READY?
NEXT IS YOUR TURN.
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M-MIGHT I PERCHANCE ASK JUST ONE QUESTION...?
HMM?
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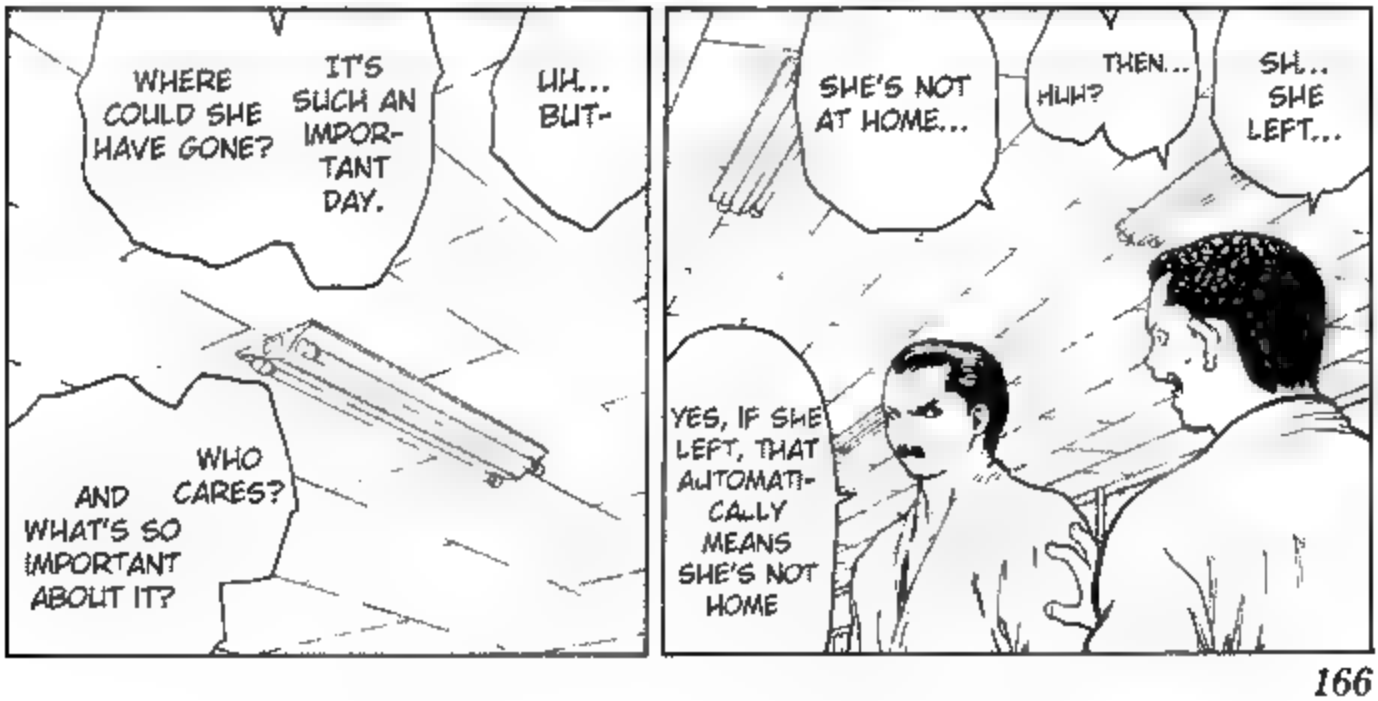
3
きょ
3
UH...
UH...
UMM ...

RYOKO-CHAN.
KITANO-KUN!
WERE YOU WAITING?
NO. I JUST GOT HERE.
HUH? BUT YOUR HOUSE IS...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THIS WAY.
SHALL WE GO...?

HUH?
a movie ticket...?
HEHEH...
Fado
DON'T WORRY ALL THE TIME
IT'S OK TO FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE FOR A WHILE AND SIMPLY ENJOY YOURSELF... RIGHT?
HUH? BUT I SAID I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOUR DAD...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
FORGET THAT OLD BEAR. HE'LL BE FINE.
UH, B... BUT.
C'MON.
C'MON.
!
ALL RIGHT? SO CHEER UP, KIDDO.

WHY DO YOU ASK?
RYOKO LEFT WITH SOME FRIENDS.

HH


WHERE COULD SHE HAVE GONE?
IT'S SUCH AN IMPOR-TANT DAY.
UH... BUT-
WHO CARES? AND WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT IT?
SHE'S NOT AT HOME...
HUH?
THEN...
SH... SHE LEFT...
YES, IF SHE LEFT, THAT AUTOMATI-CALLY MEANS SHE'S NOT HOME

I... I'M SORRY, I JUST... JUST NEED TO TALK FOR A SECOND...
HUH?
WHAT IS IT? YOU TALK A LOT.
NOW GET READY.
YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET YOUR KOISO-STYLE KOBUJUTSU TRAINING.
UH...
UH ..
W-WAIT A MINUTE.
FATHER.
WHAT?
I'M NOT YOUR FATHER
AHEM.
HEM.
UHHH,
PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR DAUGHTER

WE MUST BE TOGETHER! IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE!
THE TWO OF US ARE IN LOVE!
I'M SERIOUS!
IT IS OUR FATE!
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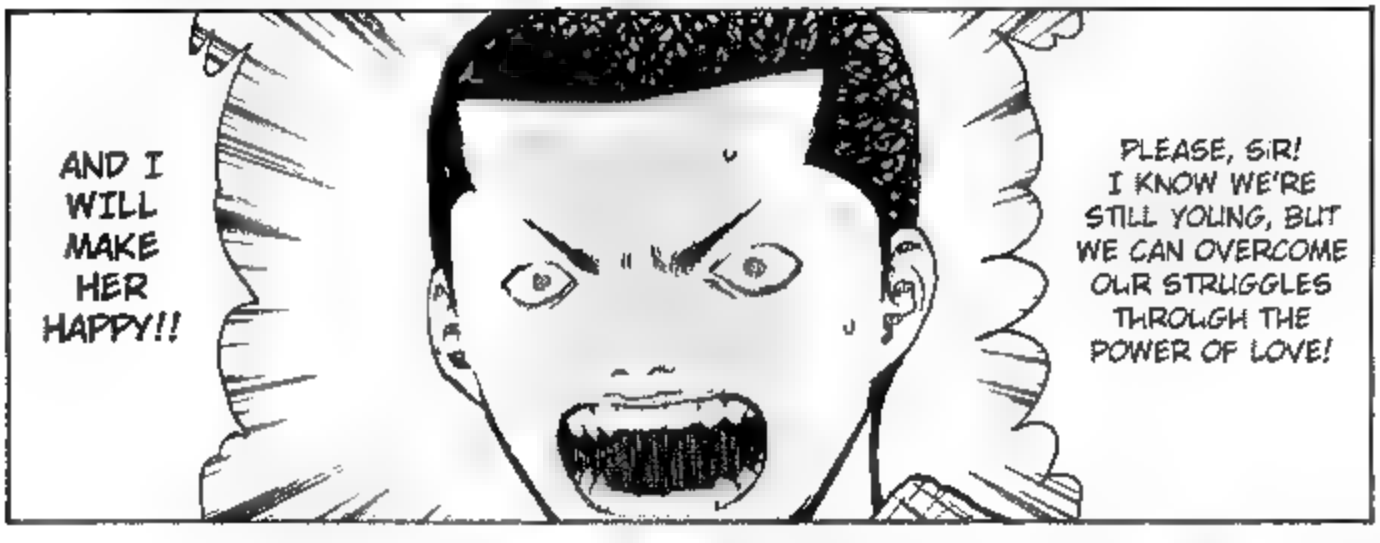
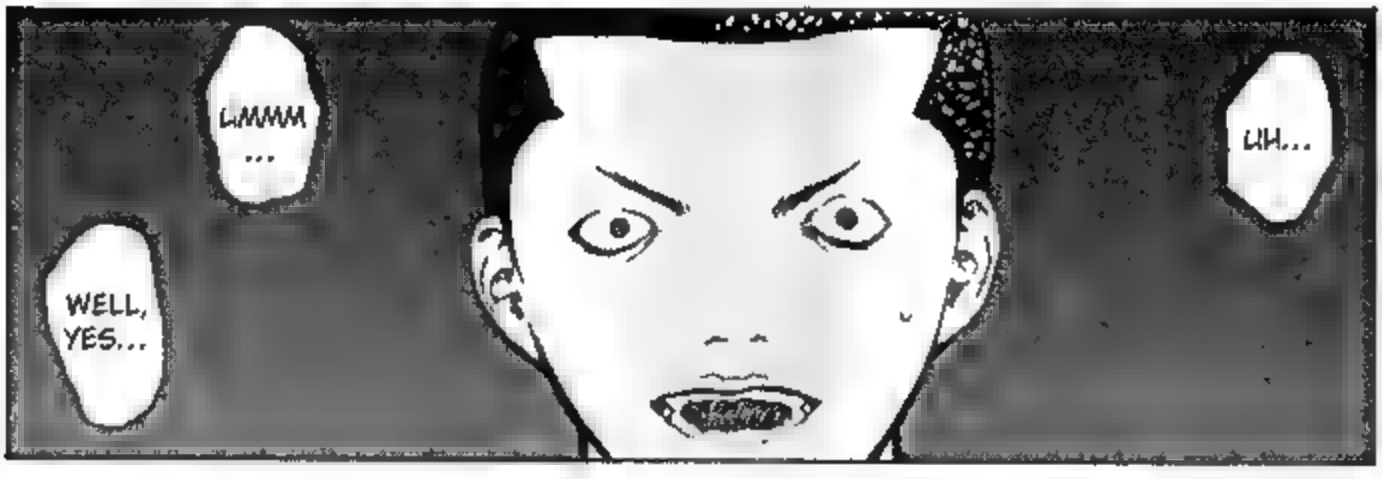

AND I WILL MAKE HER HAPPY!!
PLEASE, SIR! I KNOW WE'RE STILL YOUNG, BUT WE CAN OVERCOME OUR STRUGGLES THROUGH THE POWER OF LOVE!

SIGH...
WHY DO ALL THESE PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES HANGING ABOUT MY DAUGHTER..?
!

FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU SHOULD WANDER OFF SOMEWHERE IN A SENILE DAZE, I WOULD SEARCH FOR YOU AND BUILD YOU THE MOST WONDERFUL GRAVE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!
I WON'T FORGET ABOUT YOU EITHER, FATHER!
SO PLEASE, PLEASE...
.....

IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO SAY...?


LMMMM ...
WELL, YES...
UH...

SO ...
PITIFUL ..

I'LL BEAT SOME SENSE INTO YOU!!
THEN LET'S GO, YOU FILTHY PUNK!
AAAA AHH!!

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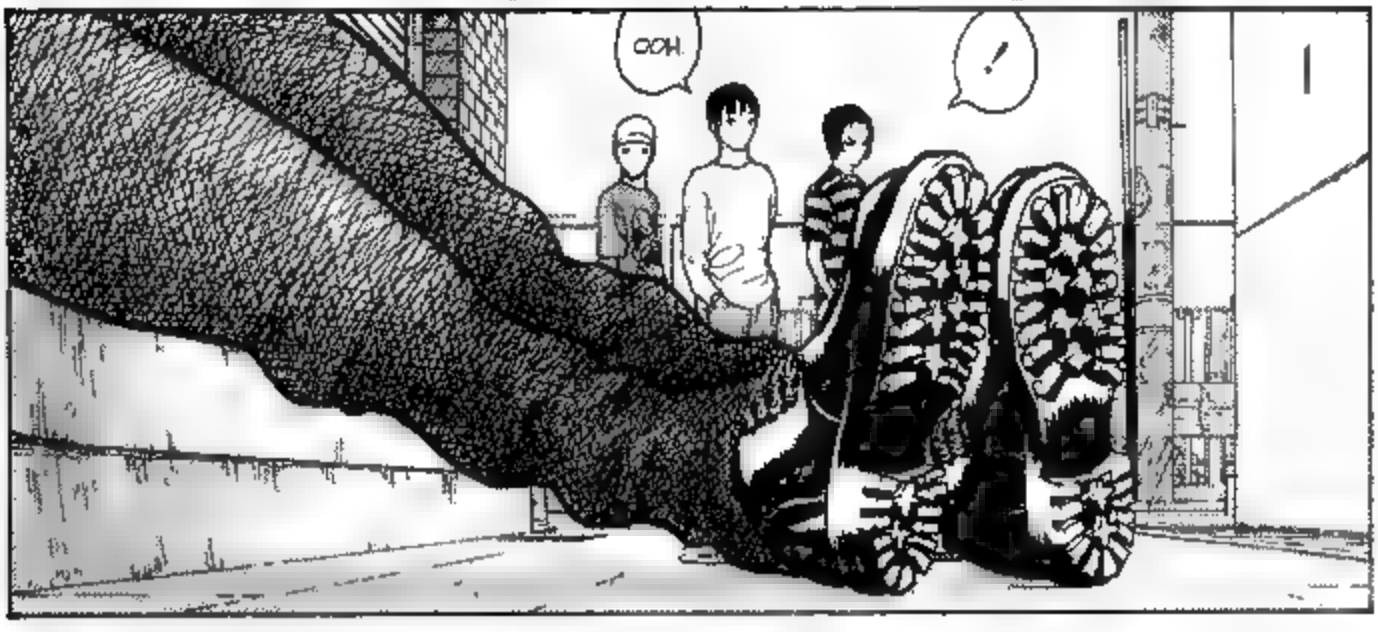


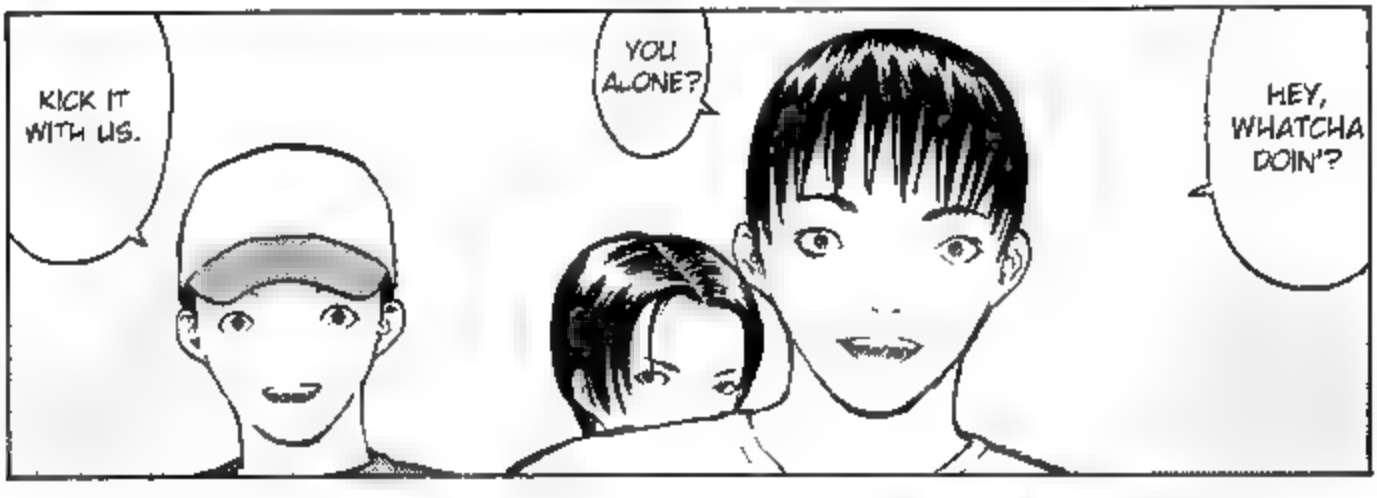

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## 良子、決戦の日曜日の巻

I TOLD YOU, I'M WITH SOMEONE.
BUG OFF.
WHA-?
GEHF!
T-TAKEDA?
WHAT WAS THAT?
SIGH...
JUST FOR TODAY...
PLEASE, GIVE ME A BREAK.
SHUT UP!
WHAT A BITCH!
sigh
YOU BITCH.
Y...
I DON'T NEED ANY MORE TROUBLE
I'M ALREADY DRAGGING KITANO-KUN ALONG TO CHEER HIM UP...
IT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TRYING TO FORCE ME TO DO SOMETHING WHEN I SAID I DON'T WANT TO...
THIS IS YOUR FAULT, YOU KNOW.

I DON'T MIND FIGHTING,
BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT KITANO-KUN TO SEE ME IN A BRAWL ON A DAY LIKE THIS...
WHAT SHOULD I DO .?
YOU'RE GONNA PAY, BITCH!
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
.....
ONE'S ALREADY HURT, SO HE'LL ONLY TAKE ONE HIT...
THE OTHER TWO WILL BE TOUGHER...
THREE GUYS, BEFORE KITANO-KUN GETS BACK...
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!
GAAAH!

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WHA...
FUCK!
!!
AAGH!
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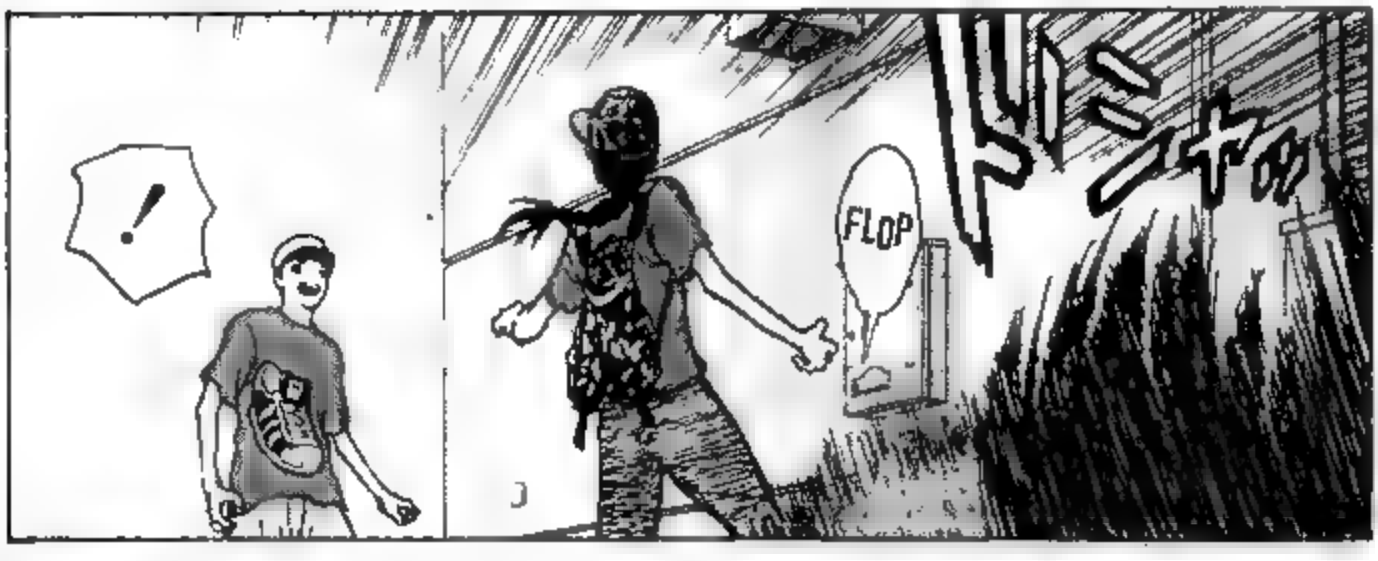
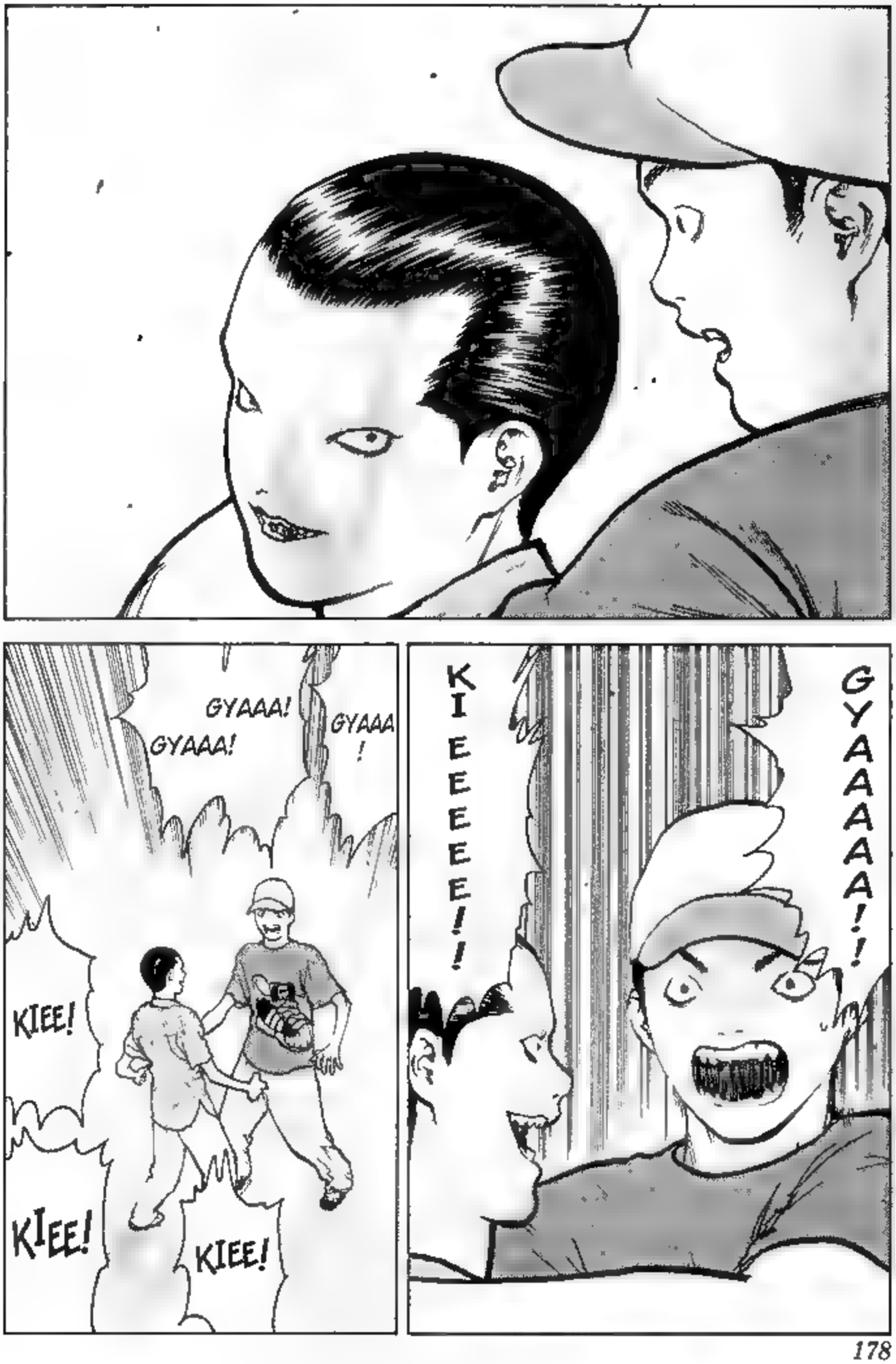

!
FLOP

RYOKO-CHAAAN.
IT'S SO MUCH EASIER WITHOUT A UNIFORM AND LOAFERS...
AT THIS RATE.
THIS FEELS GOOD..
WHA...
HUH ...?!

!!
AH!
アヤ
CRAP ...
YOU WANT THAT?!
ONE STEP AND I'LL BREAK YOUR BOYFRIEND'S NOSE.
!
!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, YOU CRAZY BITCH!

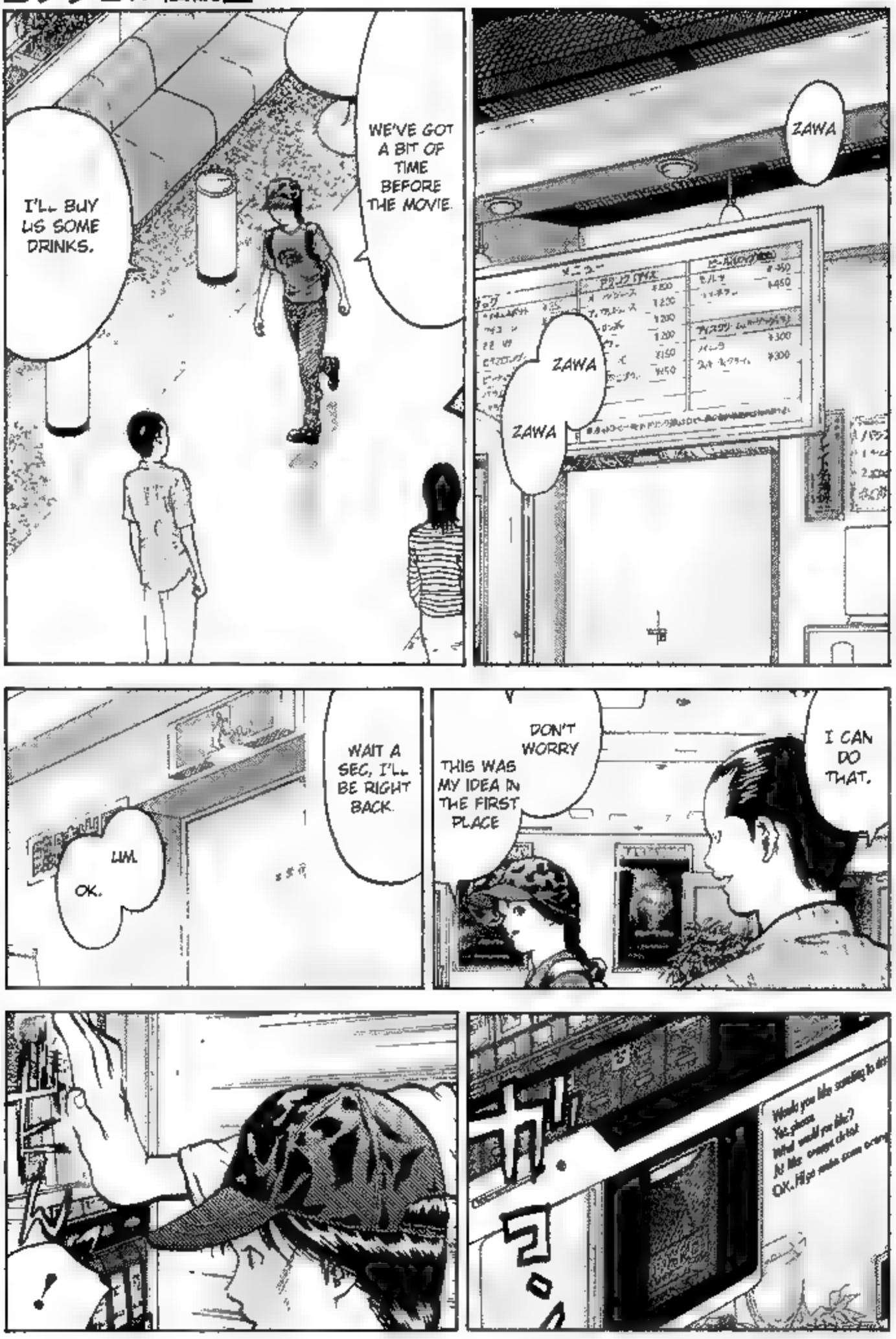

GYAAA!
GYAAA!
GYAAA!
KIEE!
KIEE!
KIEE!
KIEEEEE!!
GYAAAAA!!

GYAHI!
UH?
GYA ...
AAAAH!!
WE'RE GONNA DIE!
RUN FOR IT!
IT'S THE DEVIL !!
AAAAAHH!!
!
DOWAH!

I'M JUST FINE.
JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED FROM WHEN HE GRABBED ME AND YELLED.
ARE YOU OK, KITANO-KUN?
SIGH ...
WHAT A PAIN...
はん
はん
YES, I'M ALL RIGHT.
I WAS PRETTY MUCH ON THE ATTACK THE WHOLE TIME.
ARE YOU OK, RYOKO-CHAN?
I DIDN'T REALLY TRY TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THEM.
THEY JUST...
UH... I MEAN ...
I UNDER-STAND.
OOPS ...

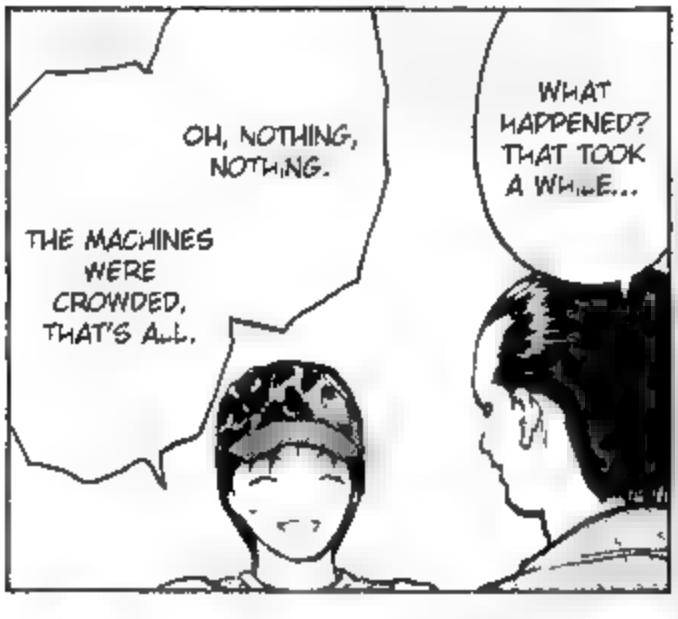
.....
.....
HAHAHA...
I WAS JUST A BIT STARTLED TO SEE YOU FIGHTING THREE GUYS WHEN I CAME BACK.
YOU WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
R-RIGHT..
I FEEL LIKE SUCH A BARBARIAN...
THIS IS WHAT I GET ON MY FIRST DATE WITH KITANO-KUN..
YEAH.
WE'RE MEETING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...
THIS FEELS AWKWARD.
HEHEHE...
LET'S GO.
WE'D BETTER GET GOING, OR THE MOVIE WILL START WITHOUT US.
I'M FINE, JUST FINE.
NO... NO,
MM.
YOU'RE NOT HURT OR
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OK?
DON'T WORRY.

YEAH.
THEY WENT INTO THIS THEATRE, DIDN'T THEY?
HUH?
YEAH, DON'T EVEN BOTHER.
DUDE, LET'S JUST FORGET IT.
Y-YEAH, BUT...
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES? WE GOT BEAT THE FUCK UP BY A GIRL!
I'M GONNA KICK HER ASS NO MATTER WHAT.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE DEMON. MY PROBLEM IS WITH HER.
PSSHT
I DUNNO, MAN...
THE GUY SHE WAS WITH LOOKED CRAZY.


I'LL BUY US SOME DRINKS.
WE'VE GOT A BIT OF TIME BEFORE THE MOVIE.
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
WAIT A SEC, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
UM. OK.
DON'T WORRY
THIS WAS MY IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE
I CAN DO THAT.
!

I REALLY OWE YOU A FAVOR NOW...
AND I'D LIKE TO REPAY YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
YO.
LONG TIME NO SEE, BABY.
LOOK AT YOU, ALL ALONE AGAIN.
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS A BIT CARE...
WHA ...
WHY .. YOU...
LESS?!
AH!
GECK!

AH...
W-WAIT...
YOU!
FUCK!
HEY!
BIT-!
BUUFH!
TH...
THAT'S IT...


WHAT HAPPENED? THAT TOOK A WHILE...
OH, NOTHING, NOTHING.
THE MACHINES WERE CROWDED, THAT'S ALL.

THANKS FOR WAITING.

HERE YOU GO.
AH... THANKS...
LET'S GO INSIDE.
THE MOVIE'S STARTING.

STUPID WHORE ...
FUCK THIS SHIT ..
GRRR..
RRR..
I GET THE FEELING LIKE WE'RE MESSING WITH SOMEONE WAY OUT OF OUR LEAGUE.
H-HEY MAN, LET'S JUST GO.
SHE'S TOO MUCH FOR US TO HANDLE.
SHE'S GONNA GET HERS.
FUCK THAT BITCH. .
NOT AFTER ONE GIRL DID ALL THIS TO ME!
SHUT UP! I CAN'T BACK DOWN NOW!
AACK!

URYAAA!
ORA!
AACK!
DEYA!
.....

C-CRAP...
I THOUGHT I PICKED A NICE HAPPY MOVIE TO CHEER HIM UP...

THIS ISN'T HIS KIND OF MOVIE AT ALL!
HE'S BORED! HE'S TOTALLY BORED!
WHY THE HECK DID I CHOOSE THIS MOVIE?!
duhhh
Y-YEAH.
IT SURE WAS...
THAT MOVIE WAS REALLY SOMETHING
THIS MAKES ME LOOK LIKE A RUFFIAN THROUGH AND THROUGH. I SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN SOMETHING ROMANTIC...
WHY DID I HAVE TO PICK OUT THAT STUPID FLICK?
UH... NO.
HUH?
I'M FINE.
ARE YOU TIRED, RYOKO-CHAN?

ちら?
!
WHY DON'T THEY GIVE UP?
GEEZ.
ONE IN FRONT, TWO BEHIND..
HUH?
I NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM.
SORRY, KITANO-KUN.
I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET DRAGGED INTO THIS...
AT LEAST LET ME ACT LIKE A GIRL ON MY FIRST DATE WITH KITANO-KUN!
COME ON, YOU JERKS.
YEAH, AN EMPLOYEE RESTROOM AROUND THE BACK OF THIS BUILDING.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE DONE IN A MINUTE.
IS THERE ONE AROUND HERE?

YOU CHOSE TO FACE US HEAD ON.
YOU'VE GOT GUTS, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.
HEH.
THE INSULTS NEVER STOP WITH YOU.
LET ME WARN YOU...
SO LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK...
IF THIS TAKES TOO LONG, KITANO-KUN WILL WONDER IF I'M GOING #1 OR #2...

GURF!
AGH!
HNNG..
YOU...
BITCH!
GEHH!
TAKE THIS!
THAT'S IT!
GRAB HER!
JUST DRAG HER ONTO THE GROUND!
SUR-ROUND HER!
OH!
WHAT THE HE... ARE YOU DOING?!
SHOVE
YOU LITTLE...
FUCK...
DAMN... SHE'S FAST...
AARRGH!

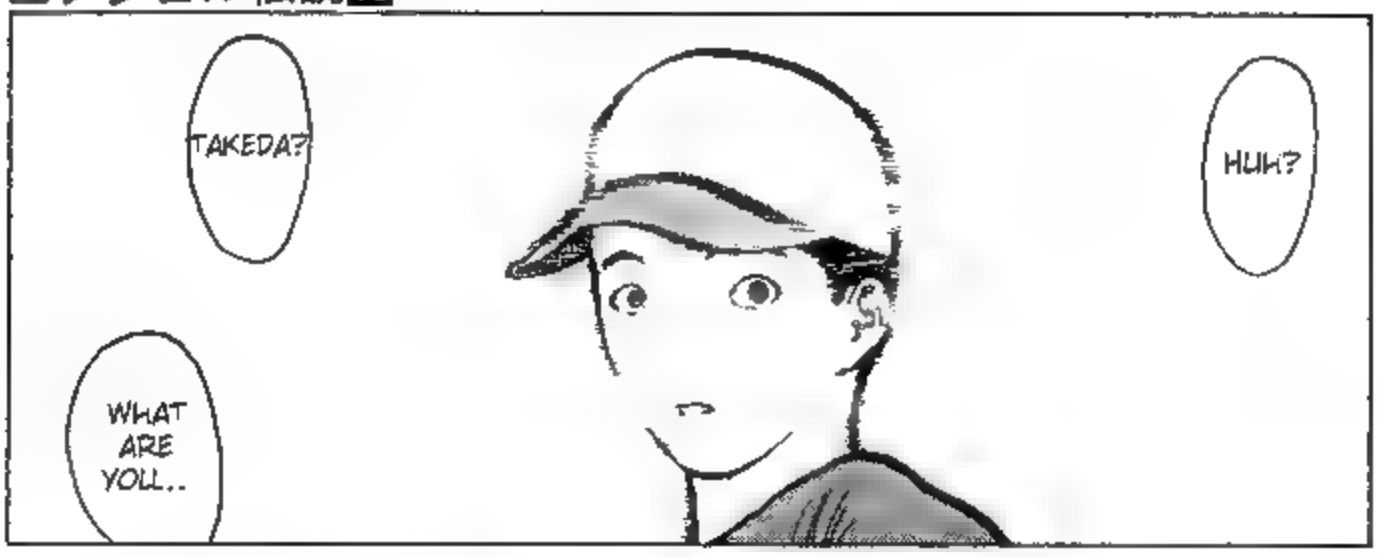
AH...
!!!
THEN AGAIN, IT IS A BATH-ROOM.
IT WOULD BE WEIRD TO GO CHECK ON HER.
RYOKO-CHAN'S BEEN IN THERE A WHILE.
I'LL JUST WAIT SOME MORE...

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
THAT HURT ..
OUCH ...

I BET NOW YOU CAN'T MOVE AROUND LIKE YOU WERE JUST DOING.
FINALLY GOT YOU.
HEHEHE ...

TIME TO PAY YOU BACK FOR EVERYTHING AT ONCE!
HERE WE GO!
!
DAMN
NOW YOU CAN'T EVEN RUN AWAY.
I SAW YOU TWIST THAT ANKLE WHEN YOU FELL.

NISHIDA'S GONE
HUH?
HUH?
!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WHAT?
NISHIDA'S FLYING.
WHAT THE?
I DIDN'T KNOW HUMANS COULD FLY.


TAKEDA?
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU..

!

AH...

I CAN'T EVEN COUNT HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE SAVED ME, NOW.
THANKS, KITANO-KUN.
UM.
WELL..
MM...
RYOKO-CHAN?
ARE YOU OK,
!
WE FINALLY GET SOME TIME TOGETHER AND ALL I CAN DO IS THIS STUPID STUFF...
WHY DID IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
WHEW..

I FEEL SO PATHETIC RIGHT NOW...
I'M SO ROUGH AND VIOLENT, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING LIKE A GIRL...
AND I ALWAYS GET YOU INVOLVED IN IT..
ALL I EVER DO IS CAUSE TROUBLE.
I WAS JUST THINK-ING...
UH..
YOU'RE STARING AT ME...
WHAT'S WRONG?
W-WHAT?
Are you finally disgusted with me...?
?

OH...
IT'S, UM...
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR HAIR LIKE THAT BEFORE...
R... REALLY...?
YEAH.
IT'S ALWAYS BRAIDED AT SCHOOL.
YOU SEEM LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON...
SO LONG AGO THAT I CAN HARDLY REMEMBER ANYMORE...
!
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, MOM USED TO BRAID MY HAIR..
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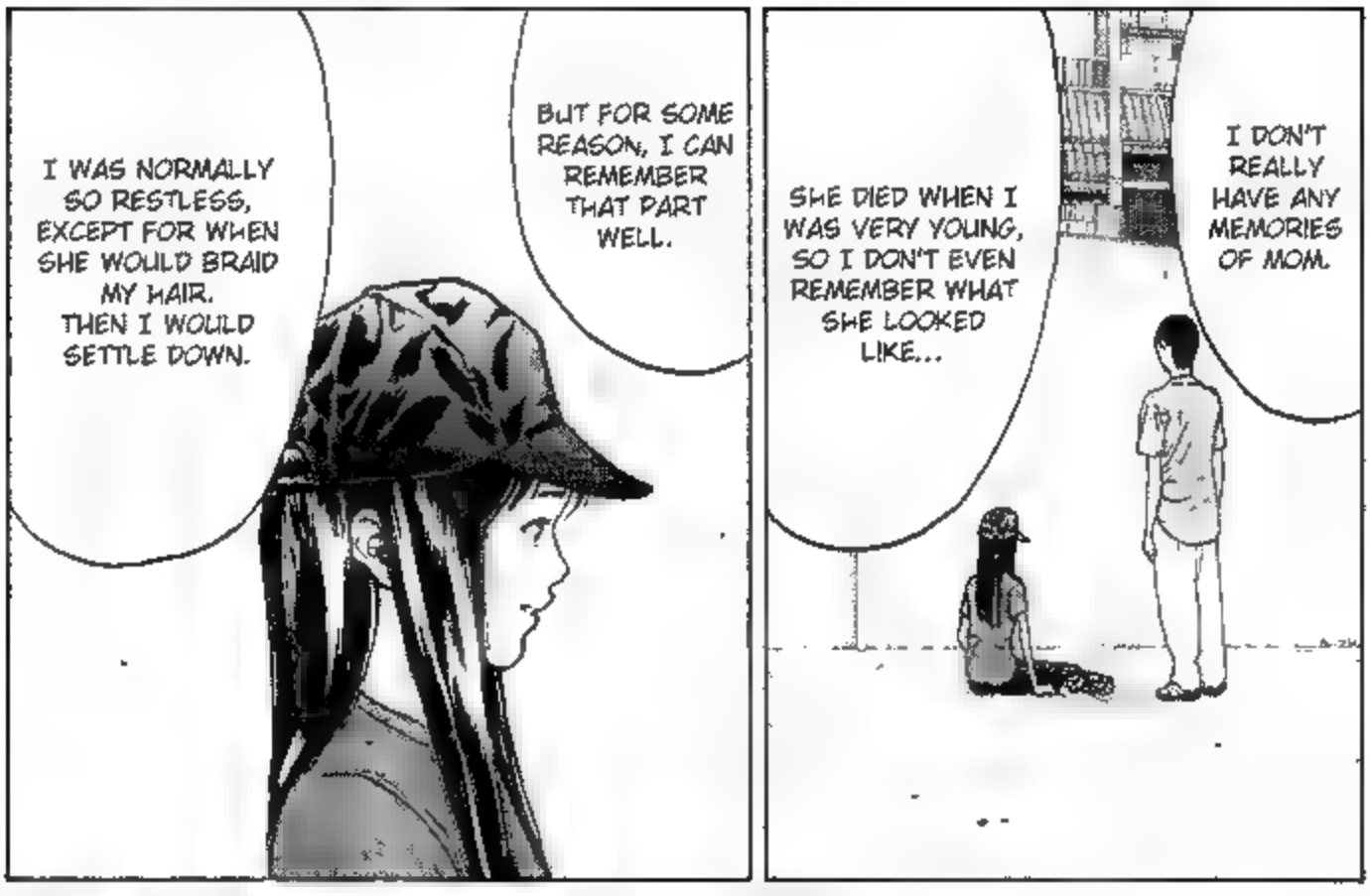
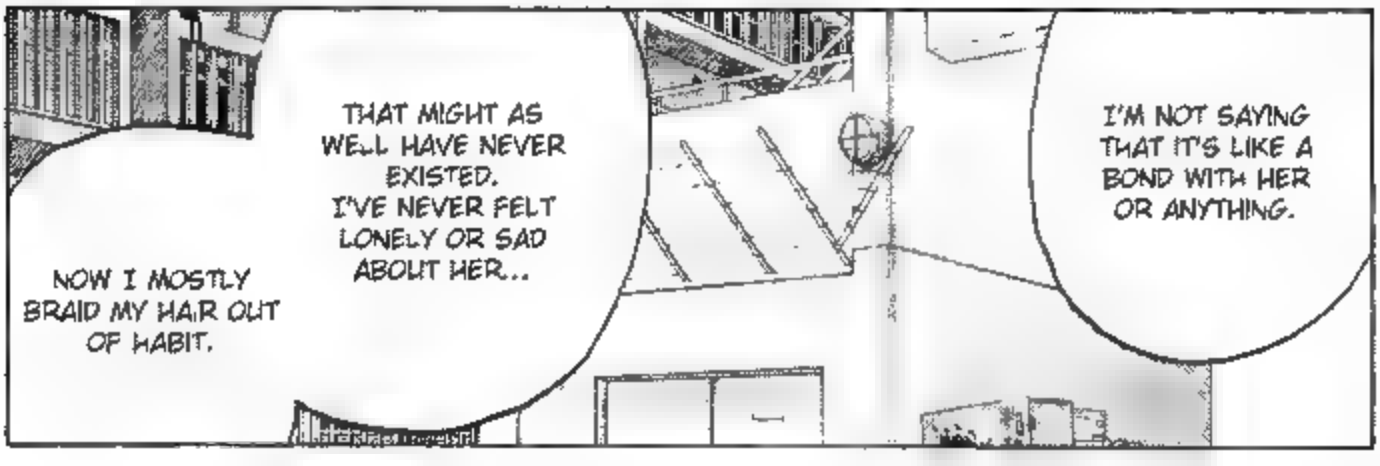
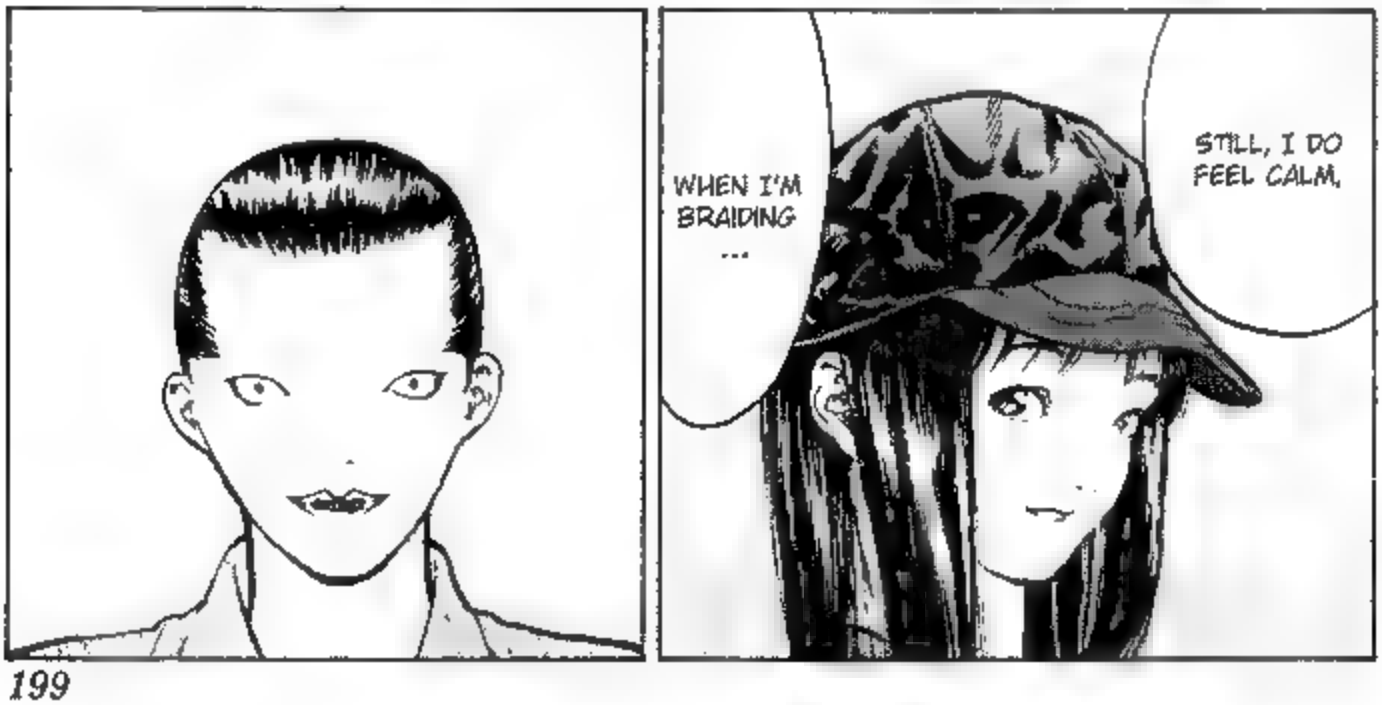
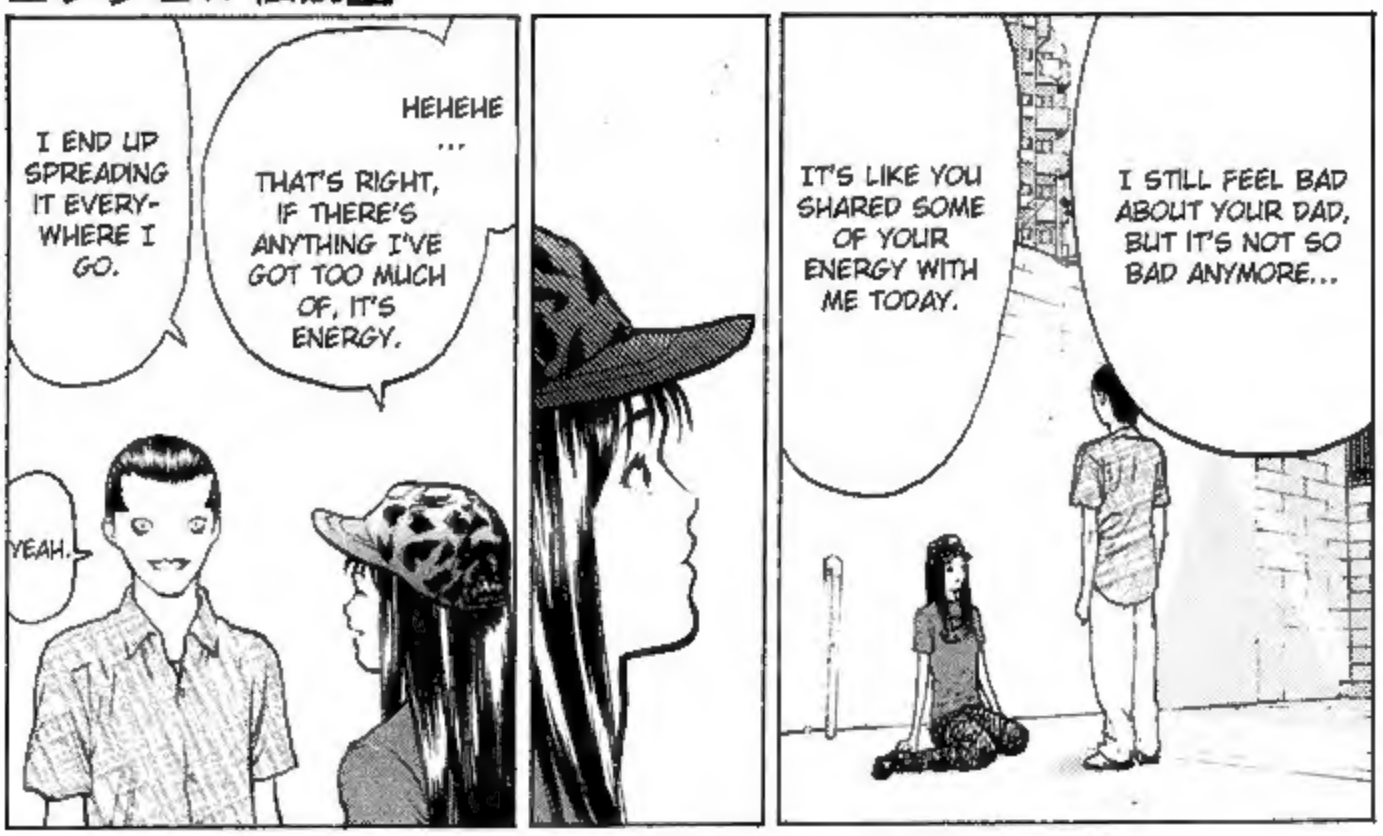

I WAS NORMALLY SO RESTLESS, EXCEPT FOR WHEN SHE WOULD BRAID MY HAIR. THEN I WOULD SETTLE DOWN.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I CAN REMEMBER THAT PART WELL.
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF MOM.
SHE DIED WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG, SO I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT SHE LOOKED LIKE...


NOW I MOSTLY BRAID MY HAIR OUT OF HABIT.
THAT MIGHT AS WELL HAVE NEVER EXISTED. I'VE NEVER FELT LONELY OR SAD ABOUT HER...
I'M NOT SAYING THAT IT'S LIKE A BOND WITH HER OR ANYTHING.


WHEN I'M BRAIDING ...
STILL, I DO FEEL CALM.

YOU'RE STILL BRIGHT, CHEERFUL AND FUN RYOKO-CHAN.
YOU'RE STILL RYOKO-CHAN, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR HAIR IS.
HUH?
DO YOU NOT LIKE BRAIDS...?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
I ALWAYS FEEL BETTER WHEN YOU'RE AROUND.
THANKS FOR TODAY, RYOKO-CHAN...


I END UP SPREADING IT EVERY-WHERE I GO.
HEHEHE ...
THAT'S RIGHT, IF THERE'S ANYTHING I'VE GOT TOO MUCH OF, IT'S ENERGY.
YEAH.
IT'S LIKE YOU SHARED SOME OF YOUR ENERGY WITH ME TODAY.
I STILL FEEL BAD ABOUT YOUR DAD, BUT IT'S NOT SO BAD ANYMORE...

HUH?
NEVER MIND, NEVER MIND.
JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
I GET THE FEELING THAT THERE ARE TWO GUYS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AT MY HOUSE THAT NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION RIGHT NOW.
SHALL WE GO HOME?



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